

Perez de Cuellar to visit Jordan

UNITED NATIONS (R) — U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has accepted in principle invitations to visit Syria, Lebanon and Jordan as well as Israel, a U.N. spokesman said Wednesday. No dates had yet been set for any of the visits. The spokesman was responding to a question following his announcement Tuesday that Mr. Perez de Cuellar had accepted in principle an invitation from Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, conveyed through U.N. Under Secretary-General Brian Urquhart during a meeting in Jerusalem on Sunday. The spokesman said Mr. Urquhart, just back from a Middle East trip which also took him to Syria, Lebanon and Jordan, had received invitations for the secretary-general from the governments of all the countries he visited.

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U.S. rejects Soviet arms proposals

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States Wednesday rejected new Soviet proposals on limiting medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe. The State Department said the proposals could not provide an acceptable basis for an arms control agreement. Moscow's proposals, detailed by the official Soviet news agency TASS Tuesday, called for a two-thirds reduction in the Western and Soviet medium-range missiles in the next decade. The Soviet proposals included British and French nuclear weapon systems as well as U.S. bombers in Europe. The United States wants these systems kept out of the current negotiations in Geneva.

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Saudi Arabia said to face economic test

LONDON (R) — Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, faces a severe test over the next two years due to an almost inevitable economic slowdown, according to a report published in London. The main thrust of the report, by the intelligence unit of the Economist magazine, is that a slowdown in Saudi economic activity is almost certain this year and in 1983, not only because of the weakening of oil prices but also because of a reduction in development spending. The government has built up its economic power through its deployment of oil revenues. A contraction of the economy, as favoured by government planners, might threaten this control, the report said.

Yugoslav calls for end to Gulf war

BELGRADE (R) — Yugoslav Foreign Minister Josip Vrhovec called on Iran and Iraq Wednesday to halt the Gulf war before the non-aligned summit due to be held in Baghdad next September. In an address to parliament on the country's foreign policy, Mr. Vrhovec also said the international situation was deteriorating, describing it as tense and marked by the military blocs' rivalries which led to "an accelerated arms race and confrontation of global nature." He condemned foreign pressures, interference and military interventions in southern Africa, the Middle East, Afghanistan, Kampuchea, Indochina, Central America, Korea, Cyprus, the Western Sahara and Europe.

Syrians say Israel preparing attack

DAMASCUS (R) — Syria's official press Wednesday accused Israel of preparing for an attack into South Lebanon with the approval of the United States. Al-Bath, newspaper of the ruling Baath Party, said in an editorial: "all the reports, signs and threats being issued by Israel's leaders at present against Syria are preparing the way for a widespread Israeli aggression against South Lebanon with the full agreement of the U.S. administration." Israeli leaders have said they may take action against Palestinian forces in South Lebanon because of what they say are repeated violations of a ceasefire concluded last July.

Kissinger in satisfactory condition

BOSTON (R) — Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was reported to be in satisfactory condition after five hours of open heart surgery Wednesday and his doctor said his chances for full recovery were high. The surgeon, Dr. W. Gerald Austen, said Dr. Kissinger was in "satisfactory and stable condition" after the operation at Massachusetts General Hospital to relieve obstructions in three coronary arteries. Dr. Austen said Tuesday that tests showed Dr. Kissinger needed the operation because of blockage in the circulation around his heart. One artery was blocked and two were too narrow for blood to pass freely. Dr. Kissinger, 58, entered hospital last week for a check-up, complaining of a shoulder ailment. Tests then showed that he was suffering from the artery problem as well as arthritis in his shoulder and neck.

Bonn nears decision on arms exports

BONN (A.P.) — West Germany is expected to lay down new guidelines on arms exports in the next month, possibly paving the way for the export of tanks to Saudi Arabia, officials indicated Wednesday. Government Spokesman Kurt Becker said the top-secret Federal Security Council, consisting of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and his five most senior ministers, had set a date for deciding the new guidelines. He refused to say when the meeting would take place, but the parliamentary groups of both parties in Mr. Schmidt's government coalition, the Social Democrats and the Free Democrats, have agreed to lay down their stand on the new guidelines by mid-March.

Assad opponents reported staging Hama uprising

WASHINGTON (R) — Syrian rebels have staged a major uprising against the government of President Hafez Al Assad and the city of Hama 190 km north of Damascus has been sealed off, informed U.S. sources said Wednesday.

The uprising appeared to be confined to Hama, unlike an attempted revolt in 1979 and 1980, the sources said.

They said there was "an unusual intensity" of violence in the uprising but they had no estimate of casualties.

(In New York, the Syrian committee for human rights said it received a report from Damascus Tuesday night stating that rebels had taken over Hama, a city of 170,000 people, the country's fourth largest, and were joined by rebel troops who distributed arms to the people.)

(The New York committee said that the uprising began last Tuesday and that government pilots had disobeyed orders to bomb the town.)

The city of Hama is a centre of the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood and has a large population of Sunni Muslims. President Assad is a member of the Muslim Alawite sect.

U.S. sources told Reuters the government had sealed off the city. There had been military engagements with the rebels in which the government had apparently

used armour, artillery and aircraft, they said.

The sources said there were problems in getting full information on the uprising, but they said it appeared to be very serious. (Dr. Monzer Kahf, the head of the Committee for Human Rights in Syria, said that government troops sent to recapture the city were stopped when rebels blew up a bridge about 110 km from Hama.)

(Dr. Kahf said his group had received a report from Damascus that the anti-government forces were occupying the airport at Hama, its military barracks, police stations, Baath Party headquarters and government warehouses.)

(He also said his group had received reports of street fighting in Aleppo, Syria's second largest city with a population of 1.8 million.)

President Assad, 51, came to power in a bloodless coup in November 1970.

The government blames the Muslim Brotherhood for years of violent sectarian strife in Syria. The organisation has been banned since 1963 and the Syrian National Council (parliament) later passed a law bringing in the death penalty for membership.

Alawites account for only 15 per cent of the 7.6 million Syrians but they have taken control of most key posts in the army, the ruling Baath Party and the government since President Assad came to power.



U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger (second from right) arrived in Amman Wednesday for an official visit lasting several days. He was met upon arrival at Amman Airport by Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker (second from left), Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem (far right) and U.S. Ambassador to Jordan Richard Viets.

Haig starts Portugal visit

LISBON (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig arrived in Lisbon Wednesday for a 24-hour visit with news of a \$150 million bonus for one of America's most faithful European allies.

Mr. Haig announced on his arrival from the European security conference in Madrid that the United States had decided to increase grain credits to Portugal to \$350 million in the 1982 fiscal year from the \$200 million originally earmarked.

The decision was officially viewed here as a goodwill gesture to the first of America's NATO allies to respond to the U.S. call for punitive measures against the Soviet Union over the Polish crisis. Portugal expelled two Soviet diplomats last month.

Mr. Haig described his visit as a reflection of the traditional friendship between the two countries.

He told reporters he expected to discuss bilateral, regional and NATO issues, as well as the future of Namibia (South-West Africa), before leaving for Morocco on Thursday.

He then went into a meeting with President Antonio Ramalho Eanes, who is due later this year to make the first visit by a Portuguese head of state to Angola to discuss the renewal of an agreement, which expires in June next year, under which United States operates a strategic air base in Portugal's mid-Atlantic Azores islands.

Jordan welcomes U.S. assistance towards solving Palestinian question

Hussein, Weinberger review Mideast issues

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday night discussed "developments in current Middle Eastern issues, international questions and bilateral relations" with U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported.

Mr. Weinberger, who arrived here Wednesday afternoon, was King Hussein's guest at a dinner at Al Hummar Palace attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Mudar Badran, who is also defence minister, Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi, Court Minister Amer Khammash, Commander-in-Chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem, Jordanian Ambassador to the United States Abdul Hadi Majali and Chief of Staff Fathi Abu Taleb. The dinner was also attended by Mr. Weinberger's aides and American Ambassador to Jordan Richard Viets.

The U.S. defence secretary is visiting Jordan for several days in the course of a Middle Eastern tour that has already taken him to Saudi Arabia and Oman.

He was greeted at the airport here by Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, who was quoted by Reuters as stressing that the "basic source of instability and tension in the Middle East is the unresolved Palestinian problem."

Against this background, Sharif Zaid said, Jordan welcomed U.S. help in modernising and strengthening its armed forces, according to Reuters.

Petra, on the other hand, said the commander-in-chief "expressed the hope that Mr. Weinberger's talks in Jordan will lead to positive results benefiting the region."

Meanwhile, a senior official travelling with Mr. Weinberger said the United States had adopted a tougher policy line towards Israel. The official, quoted by Reuters, also said that Jordan should get the mobile U.S. air defence missiles denied it by Congress.

Jordan has agreed to buy \$200 million worth of mobile air defence missiles from Moscow, but Mr. Weinberger told reporters on his plane en route to Jordan from Oman that he would raise with King Hussein the possibility of selling similar U.S. missiles instead.

The senior official who talked to reporters aboard the plane said recent Reagan administration actions such as suspending the U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation agreement "indicate a change of policy... that should be clear."

He said the administration believes that "we simply have to balance our interests throughout the entire Middle East" and that the United States needs many friends, including Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Oman, as well as Israel.

In an explicit warning clearly referring to Israeli actions such as the bombing of an Iraqi nuclear power reactor last June and the annexation of the Golan Heights last December, the official said that "unilateral actions by anyone are not acceptable."

As well as calling for the sale of "improved Hawk" (1-Hawk) missiles to Jordan, the official said the administration would seriously consider selling it advanced F-16 jet fighters if it still wanted to buy them, according to Reuters.

Addressing the rally, Minister of Communication Mohammad Addoub Al Zaben said that Jordan's support for Iraq does not reflect a "political stand dictated by present interests", but that it is a "national and historical duty dictated by the sense of belonging to the one Arab Nation."

Several people attending the rally expressed willingness to enlist in the Yarmouk Force and a total of JD 20,000 were collected, in addition to five dunums of land worth another JD 10,000.

In Ajloun, it was announced Wednesday that a public rally will be held there on Feb. 18 to express support for the King's initiative. Representatives of public and private sectors in the district will attend the rally, as was agreed on at a meeting Wednesday morning at Ajloun Municipality.

In Karak, a committee has been set up to prepare for a similar rally which will be held in the city on Feb. 20.

Another public rally will be held in Ma'an on Sunday, according to an announcement made Wednesday.

A rally organised by women

organisations will be held in Irbid Industrial School Thursday. Minister of Social Development Ibrahim Al Mufti, along with leading women and students will take part in the rally.

Meanwhile, Jordanian citizens continued to offer contributions to the Yarmouk Force. Among the major contributions Wednesday were Al Ahli Bank, which gave JD 20,000; the Jordan Mining Co., JD 5,000; the Jordan Building Materials Co., JD 3,000; Shepherd Hotel, JD 2,000 and Abu Jamous Co., JD 1,500.

Also Wednesday Chief Islamic Justice Sheikh Ibrahim Al Qattan announced that he is contributing JD 500, while members of the Shari'a court offered a day's wage to the Yarmouk Force.

Sheikh Qattan said in a message addressed to judges of Islamic courts that Iran's aggression on the Arab Nation stems from that country's hatred of the Arabs and "therefore it is incumbent upon us to fight the Iranian enemy which is intent on serving Zionist purposes and Israeli aggression on the Arab and Islamic nations."

Iraqi offensive at Bostan continues

NICOSIA (A.P.) — Iraq reported fierce clashes continued to rage for the fourth consecutive day. Wednesday at Bostan in southern Iran and said 3,010 Iranian bodies have so far been counted on the battlefield.

Baghdad Radio, monitored here, said only one Iranian defence line remained to bring the town of Bostan and the entire Bostan district under Iraqi control.

"Our forces will continue the attack until all the objectives are achieved," the radio, quoting a communique by the Iraqi military, high command, added.

The town of Bostan is 80 kilometres northwest of Ahwaz, the capital of Iran's oil rich province of Khuzistan, and only five kilometres east of the border with Iraq.

The Iraqi forces occupied the area in the few weeks after the

Iran-Iraq border war erupted on Sept. 22, 1980 with forward positions reaching near Susangerd some 45 kilometres further east inside Iran.

But the Iraqis said that they breached the Iraqi lines in the area and regained Bostan in a surprise attack last November, touching off clashes that lasted for four weeks during which each side reported heavy casualties of enemy troops.

Last Saturday the Iraqis said in a major offensive overnight they dislodged the Iraqis in the Bostan area and forced them to flee. Since then Iraqi war communique have been reporting daily victories over the Iraqis.

Iran has not commented on the reports. Wednesday's communique said Iraqi war planes and helicopter gunships participated in repulsing

"all the desperate Iranian counter-attacks" to stop the Iraqi advance in Bostan.

The communique said a total of 149 Iraqi troops had been killed in the four-day fighting. Of the Iraqis killed, 1,160 had already been buried while the rest of the bodies were still scattered on the battlefield, it added.

The communique also reported 62 Iraqis and six Iraqis were killed in the past 24 hours in other areas of the 450-km Iran-Iraq battlefield.

An Iranian communique broadcast by Tehran Radio indirectly referred to the Bostan fighting, claiming two raiding Iraqi jet fighters were shot down Wednesday north of Ahwaz.

It said heavy clashes continued in the Kazabeh region (Bostan area) and several Iraqis were killed.

Kuwait urges Iran to enter peace talks

KUWAIT (R) — Prime Minister Sheikh Sa'ad Al Abdullah Al Sabah said Wednesday Kuwait had not been officially approached on proposals that it should be a staging point for the families of Iraqi and Iranian prisoners of war wishing to visit the captives, and urged Iran to accept repeated Iraqi offers to cease hostilities and enter into peace talks.

Iraq and Iran have announced agreement in principle on visits to the prisoners of the 17-month-old Gulf war by their families, but details have still to be worked out.

Iraq said Tuesday it accepted Iranian proposals that Kuwait and Turkey be staging points for the visits.

A Kuwaiti government minister left for Baghdad Wednesday with a message from the emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. The contents were not disclosed.

Sheikh Sa'ad, who is also Kuwait's heir apparent, told a press conference his government had not received any official communication on the proposals from either Iraq or Iran.

The Kuwaiti prime minister said: "It is high time for the Iranian authorities to appreciate Iraq's call for a ceasefire and peace talks."

He also condemned West European countries for voting against a U.N. General Assembly resolution urging all nations to cease all dealings with Israel for annexing the Syrian Golan Heights.

Settlers escalate attacks on Arabs

AMMAN (Petra) — Jewish settlers of Kiryat Arab in the occupied West Bank are reported to be escalating their attacks on Hebron and its inhabitants. According to the Arabic language daily Al Quds, published in Arab Jerusalem, a number of settlers recently lobbed a hand grenade into the house of Sa'ad Da'na, destroying the front door and badly damaging the house's front. The paper reported also that the settlers attacked a Hebron inhabitant with sticks and knives, and the victim was rushed to hospital in serious condition.

Aziz meets Gandhi

NEW DELHI (A.P.) — Iraqi Vice-Premier Tariq Aziz met Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi Wednesday and discussed Iran's opposition to Baghdad hosting the non-aligned heads of government meeting next September. The vice-premier delivered an "oral message" from President Saddam Hussein to Mrs. Gandhi and explained to her Iraq's preparations for the summit. Earlier, Mr. Aziz met Indian President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy. Mr. Aziz had told reporters on his arrival that Iraq would invite all the members of the Non-Aligned Movement, including Iran, to the Baghdad meeting. "We hope all of them will accept the invitations," he said.

Zia decides against lifting ban on political activity in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (R) — Pakistan's military ruler, President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq, and his cabinet decided Wednesday not to lift a 28-month-old ban on political activity.

The decision, announced at the end of a 10-hour meeting of the cabinet of army generals and civilians, dashed recent speculation about a relaxation of curbs on political parties, banned since October 1979 when plans for general elections were also cancelled.

President Zia said on Sunday he and his cabinet were "taking stock of the full situation with regard to starting political activity."

Information and Broadcasting Minister Raja Zafarul Haq said in an interview published Tuesday that elections might be held within months under an "Islamic democratic structure."

But a government spokesman told reporters Wednesday "The cabinet decided there should be no change in the government's present policy on political activity in the country."

The government spokesman said the cabinet also heard from Foreign Minister Agha Shahi about his exploratory talks with Indian leaders in New Delhi at the end of last month on a Pakistani offer for a non-aggression pact between the two countries.

Israeli Knesset takes Begin's line on U.N. vote as Golan Arabs toughen fight against annexation

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Israel's parliament, the Knesset, Wednesday supported the Begin government's rejection of a United Nations call for sanctions against Israel for annexing the Syrian Golan Heights last December.

The Knesset voted 61 to three, with 42 abstentions, in favour of a government resolution to denounce last Friday's General Assembly decision urging punitive diplomatic, economic and military measures against Israel for annexing the strategic plateau.

The opposition Labour Party decided to abstain from the vote after former Foreign Minister Abba Eban said Tuesday that the government's "ill-advised action"

in annexing the heights was responsible for the U.N. decision.

Labour presented its own resolution which condemned the U.N. vote but also called on Prime Minister Menachem Begin to "abstain from initiatives harmful to Israel."

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir attacked Labour's position and said it weakened national unity and Israel's stand abroad.

Mr. Shamir told the Knesset Tuesday that the U.N. decision was aimed at preparing the ground for the possible suspension of Israel from the organisation.

Israel's U.N. ambassador, Yehuda Blum, Wednesday predicted a serious crisis which would topple

the United Nations organisation itself if it either suspended or expelled Israel.

"For the U.N. there is much more at stake than for Israel. Israel can exist without the United Nations but the U.N. would not survive such a crisis," Mr. Blum told a news conference.

He refused to say whether Israel would expel the U.N. peace-keeping forces command from Israel but said that "the resulting chain reaction would be of incalculable proportions."

Arabs toughen fight

On Tuesday night, 3,000 Arab Druze residents of the Golan Heights met in the plateau's largest village, Majdal Shams, and agreed to toughen their fight against the Israeli annexation.

The meeting decided not to pay Israeli taxes or accept Israeli medical and social security benefits, and not to sell land to Jews.

Ares Safadi, a member of the Druze Action Committee, told reporters Druze not complying with the decisions would be excommunicated from the religion.

Residents of the village of Masada signed a petition demanding the resignation of Mayor Muhsein Abu Salah for accepting Israeli citizenship.

There are 13,000 Druze in four villages on the heights.

Europeans embarrassed by Eurocouncil meeting plans

STRASBOURG, France (R) — Plans by the Council of Europe to hold a committee meeting in Jerusalem in May have angered Arab countries and embarrassed member governments of the 21-nation council, diplomatic sources said Wednesday.

The sources said Morocco, Tunisia and other Arab states had protested to the council against the decision by its Political Affairs Committee to go ahead with the meeting despite Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights last December.

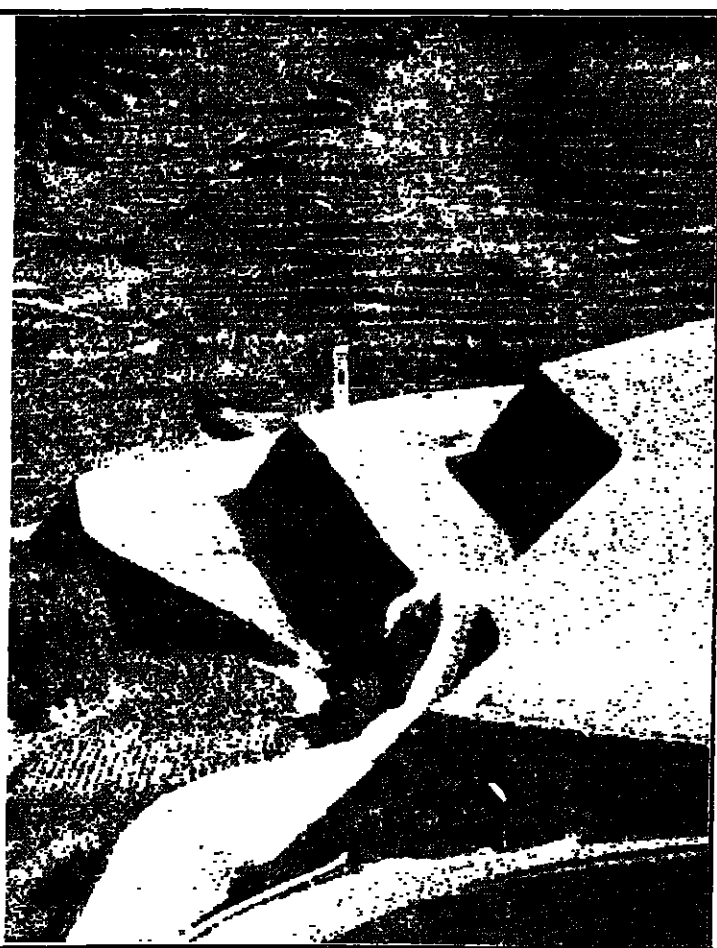
The committee first decided in September to meet in Jerusalem, and reaffirmed its plan a fortnight ago by a two-to-one majority when some members sought a change of venue.

The sources said ambassadors of Council of Europe member countries had criticised the committee's plan at a meeting Tuesday in Strasbourg.

A Council of Europe spokesman said Israel has observer status in the council and had hosted previous committee meetings.

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Lenses bring charms of Germany into focus



Right: Lelf Geiges - Ordered geometry imposed on nature

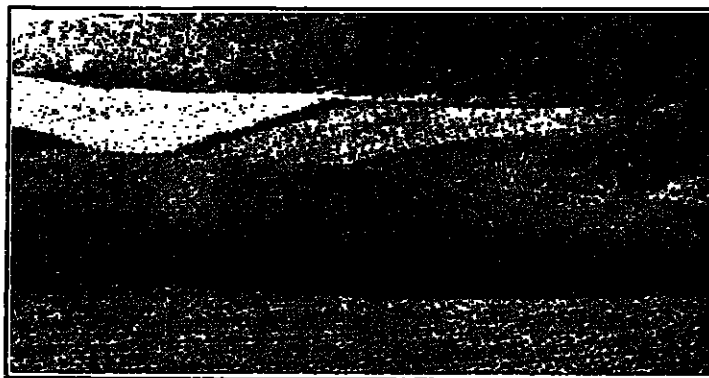
By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The name West Germany often connotes the ultimate in highly industrialised, urbanised and technological societies; and so one often forgets that the country also contains some of the most marvellous scenery to be found in western Europe.

The photographic exhibition Spotlight Germany, now on show at the Goethe Institute, serves as a pleasant reminder of this fact. Eight out of the 11 photographers whose work is represented in the exhibition have chosen to portray this scenic angle of their nation.

Among the most successful of the 47 pictures exhibited are the works of Charles Compere. His woodland scenes taken during the

different seasons of the year — with the clear orange hues of the autumn trees, or the icy spikes of the ghostly white winter branches, angles complemented by thelea-



Fritz Dressler - Landscapes of great simplicity

ning poles of an old fence — are often extremely attractive.

While these lush scenes, these "Primeval Landscapes" that have remained unchanged for many centuries fascinate Compere, it is the desolation of the borderland between East and West Germany — "the great dividing line between the power blocs of the world, separating Germans from Germans" — that Joachim Giesel documents. Here, among the abandoned houses and factories, Giesel catches images like the old slide that hangs expectantly over the cracked and long empty swimming pool; like the two warning signs which dominate a vast bleak landscape and seem to epitomise the strange and unreal feeling of that no-man's land.

Different again are the landscapes of Lelf Geiges, who in the sharply delineated shadowed outcrops of the vine terraces, and in the straight neat rows of the vines themselves, catches the ordered geometry imposed by man on nature. Both Geiges and Lajos Keresztes are photographers concerned with the conservation of their country's natural heritage, and through their work they try to increase awareness of the beauty of Germany's landscapes. A particularly good example of Keresztes' work — designed to "open your eyes" — is the print depicting in sharp detail the rows of steely milk churns in the early morning mist, which clouds the triangular and all-encompassing end of the old barn in the background.

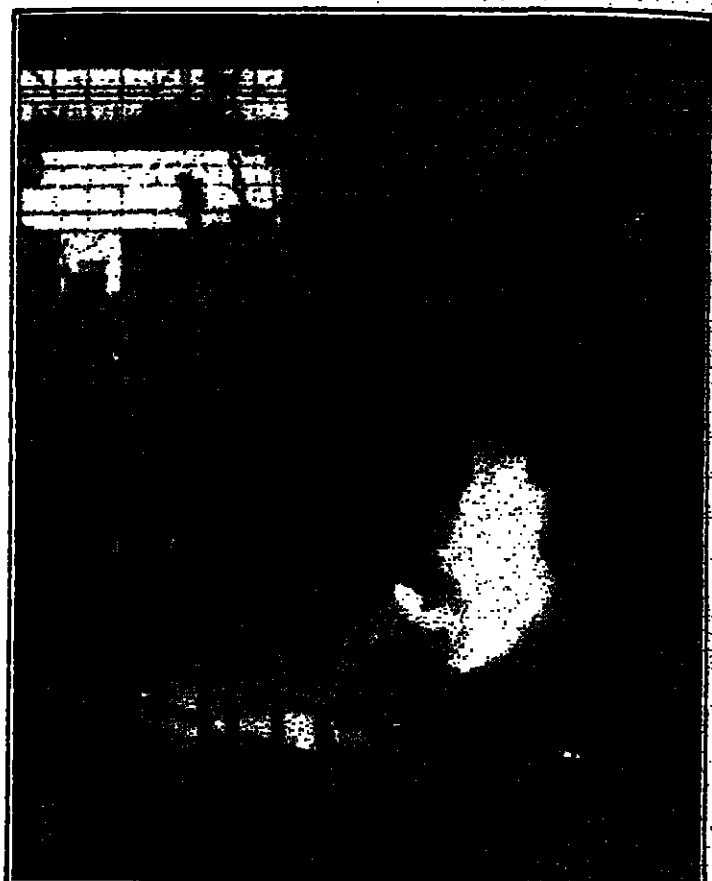


Charles Compere - Highly attractive woodland scenes

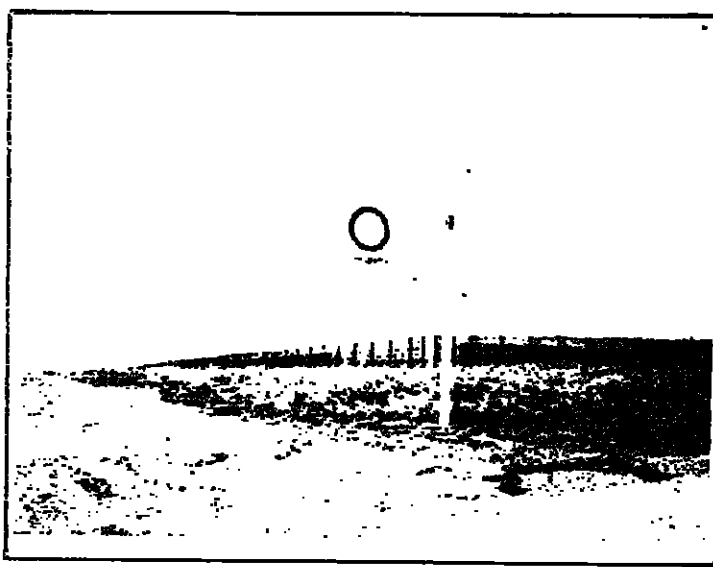
In West German cities the new architecture often stands incongruously adjacent to the ancient, and it is this image that both Fritz Dressler and Heinz Held have tried to capture with their lenses. Dressler, an architect who also shoots clear symmetrical landscapes of great simplicity, catches the reflection of an old Gothic cathedral and centuries-old pitched rooves in the steel and glass of high technology. Held shoots an ancient, highly ornamented, church spire through a purely functional glass walkway.

Munich-born Ludwig Windstosser finds and conveys to his audience the beauty that can be derived from the pure form of modern industry and architecture. But it is his shots taken through a shower of live sparks of the intense activity in Germany's steel mills that are the most spectacular.

Sponsored by Lufthansa, the West German airline, the exhibition is obviously designed to show some of that nation's best features and most attractive views. This, however, does not detract from the pictures' quality. They are not only of a uniformly high standard — displaying, without exception, a slick professionalism but they are also of great interest, and they afford a unique insight into the country itself.



Ludwig Windstosser - Spectacular shots of steel mills



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Irbid juvenile court opens soon

IRBID (Petra) — A juvenile court will start functioning this month after it has been provided with sufficient staff, according to the director of the Irbid Social Development Department. He said that the court will employ specialists in social work, and probation officers, with the aim of helping to identify causes of juvenile delinquency and finding effective means of dealing with them.

Land department revenues surge

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Land and Survey Department had JD 24 million of gross revenues in 1981 — an increase of JD 6.8 million over 1980's revenues, the local press reported on Wednesday. Department officials said the increase was due to a boom in land and real-estate dealings in 1981. The department grossed JD 17.2 million in 1980, JD 14.4 million in 1979 and JD 9.8 million in 1978.

Officials to review public works plans

AMMAN (J.T.) — A meeting will be held at the Ministry of Public Works on Thursday to discuss projects for which funds have been earmarked this year. Among the major projects to be reviewed at the meeting, which will be chaired by Minister of Public Works Awad Al Masri, are village roads and a general plan for the maintenance of roads in the country. Directors of the ministry's departments, and of public works departments in various governorates, will attend the meeting. Al Ra'i newspaper reported on Wednesday that the Ministry of Public Works has approved a JD 2.5 million programme for building, repairing and widening village roads during 1982.

Soviet labour delegation visits

AMMAN (Petra) — A Soviet labour delegation, representing the general federation of construction workers, arrived in Amman on Tuesday for a week-long visit to Jordan. The aim of the visit is to strengthen cooperation with the Jordanian general federation of construction workers.

Wireless phone import ban stressed

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Finance and Customs Salem Masadeh has issued a circular to all customs posts including a letter from Telecommunications Corporation Director General Mohammad Shahed Ismail concerning imports of wireless telephones. The letter said such equipment should not be admitted into Jordan, explaining that the aim of the measure is to keep telephone conversations confidential and to protect the frequency spectrum. Unofficial bodies are also forbidden to import spare parts for such wireless sets if they have already been imported.

Antiquities Dept. protects sites

AMMAN (Petra) — The Department of Antiquities says it has appointed guards to keep watch over archaeological sites in the country and prevent trespassing. A department spokesman said that district governors and heads of municipal and village councils have been requested to take effective measures to protect archaeological sites in their regions. He said that the department had lately built fences around archaeological sites in several places beyond towns' boundaries, to preserve the ancient places.

Petrol thieves get terms, fines

AMMAN (Petra) — Three Jordanians have been sentenced by the military court to two-and-a-half years in prison for stealing petrol. Ayed Ahmad, Taher Mahmoud Taher and Ahmad Mustafa will also each pay JD 73,779, which is the value of the stolen petrol. The military governor Wednesday endorsed the sentences.

Dentists' conferences said set in April

AMMAN (J.T.) — The government of Jordan has agreed to hold the third international dentists' conference and the 12th congress of Arab dentists in Amman from April 24-28, the local press reported on Wednesday. The government has also agreed to share the expenses of the conferences, the report said.

N. Shuneh to get JD 24,700 loan

NORTH SHUNEH (J.T.) — The Development Bank for Municipalities and Village Councils has agreed to give North Shuneh Municipality a loan of JD 24,700. North Shuneh Mayor Nader Mohammed Al Kayad said Wednesday the loan will be spent on the construction of street pavements in the city.

Transfers abroad dropped in October

AMMAN (Petra) — The value of currency permits issued by the Central Bank last October totalled JD 108.7 million, compared to JD 117.1 million last September. Permits given to cover the value of imported goods in October totalled JD 75 million while the remainder represented money transferred to Jordanians living abroad. Meanwhile, the Central Bank's assets increased last October by JD 7.8 million compared to the preceding month. The bank's assets in October were JD 68,272,000, compared to JD 660,471,000 in September.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

* Recent Prints from Britain, featuring work by a number of contemporary British artists, at the British Council from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. ends Thursday.

* Spotlight Germany, an exhibition of works by 11 leading West German photographers, at the Goethe Institute.

ACOR course

* The American Centre of Oriental Research (ACOR) plans to open a course on The Archaeology of Jordan and Biblical History, with Dr. David W. McCreey as instructor. The course will examine the relationship between Biblical studies and Near Eastern archaeology. An organisational meeting will be held at ACOR on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Classes will be held twice a week at ACOR from around mid-February to mid-April, for a total of 16 lectures. Tuition is JD 20 per person. Call Tel. 814917 if you are interested but unable attend Thursday's meeting.

Film

* Un Enfant Dans la Foule, a colour film sub-titled in Arabic, at the French Cultural Centre Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Friends of Archaeology field trip

* Dr. Basil Hennessey at Pella, and Mr. Steven Falconer at Tell Hadyat, will explain the results of this year's excavations. All interested should meet at the registration centre Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Ma'an Governorate gets education council

MA'AN (Petra) — Minister of Education Sa'id Al Tal opened here on Wednesday a local education council for Ma'an Governorate.

In a speech on the occasion, Dr. Tal said that local education councils are designed to serve as educational guardians in their regions. He said the Ministry of Education.

Panel licenses 11 industries

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Industry and Trade's planning committee has agreed to licence 11 new industries, to have a total capital of JD 959,000.

These new industries, which will employ 190 workers, include a JD 300,000 cement pipe plant; a grinding wheels industry with a capital of JD 196,000; a JD 150,000 fruit and vegetable crate factory and a JD 45,000 firm for hangars, bridges and water tanks.

Meanwhile, the local press Wednesday reported that the ministry's committee for the encouragement of investment had granted about JD 6.4 million in exemptions to encourage approved economic projects in 1981.

The report quoted Studies and Encouragement of Investment Director Yousef Hayajneh as saying that these projects had been exempted from customs and added fees. Approved private companies were exempted from income tax for six years and public shareholding companies for nine years, he added.

AUB board to meet March

AMMAN (J.T.) — The board of trustees of the American University of Beirut (AUB) will meet in New York on March 19 to elect a new president for the 116-year old institution of higher education, AUB Alumni Club President Farouq Abu Jaber said Wednesday.

He said two members of the board from Jordan will join the two-day meeting: Mrs. Leila Sharaf, widow of late Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Sharaf, and Chairman Ali Ghandour of Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline.

Tobacco, fruit agriculture discussed at northern forum

IRBID (Petra) — An agricultural seminar was held at the town of Qamim in Irbid Governorate on Wednesday to discuss agricultural problems facing farmers in the governorate, and modern methods of growing fruit trees and tobacco.

Management consultancy seminar opens on Saturday

AMMAN (Petra) — A two-week seminar on principles and methods of management consultancy will open here on Saturday.

Fifteen participants from 12 Arab countries will discuss subjects connected with the consultative process in terms of its concept, range and specifications, as well as differences between the executive and consultative management, methods for the collection of data and their role in national development.

Countries taking part in the seminar, which is organised by the Arab Organisation of Administrative Sciences, are: Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Libya, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Bahrain, North Yemen, Sudan, Mauritania, Syria and Jordan.

ation, in a drive to enhance the sense of national belonging among citizens and schoolchildren, has adopted the theme of "improving the quality of education" for the 1980s, and has taken steps to decentralise its administrative system.

Also speaking on the occasion, Ma'an Education Department Director General Fuad Al 'Uran outlined the ministry's plans and aspirations in the governorate.

Earlier Wednesday, Dr. Tal toured a number of schools in Ma'an Governorate, and heard the views of local education officials and their requests. On Thursday, Dr. Tal will visit a number of educational institutions in Ajloun District.

Meanwhile, the Amman Educational Council held a meeting Tuesday evening to discuss the implementation of recommendations and decisions designed to improve the educational process. Meeting under the chairmanship of Amman Governorate Education Director Abdul Latif Arabiyat, the council also reviewed the role of public and private institutions in promoting the role of schools and improving their utilities and hygienic facilities.

JD 500,000 gold smuggle try uncovered

AMMAN (J.T.) — A customs officer at Al 'Amri customs post on the eastern border with Saudi Arabia on Monday uncovered the biggest gold smuggling operation in the history of Jordan. One hundred kilograms of gold jewelry coming from an unspecified Gulf country, worth an estimated JD 500,000, were involved in the smuggling attempt.

Finance and Customs Ministry Under-Secretary Yassin Al Kayad on Tuesday praised the honesty and integrity of the customs employee who discovered the smuggled gold. He said the smuggled gold will be returned to its owner after payment of the due fees and fines. Fines will be paid because of the attempt to get the gold into the country illegally, Mr. Kayad said.

The customs department usually pays rewards to its employees who uncover smuggled goods.

Local television popularity laurels go to Reportage

AMMAN (J.T.) — Chief Editor Mahmoud Al Kayad of Al Ra'i, the Jordanian daily newspaper, on Wednesday presented the "Ra'i Cup" to Mr. Mohammad Amin for the most popular local television programme.

Mr. Amin won the award for the programme Reportage, which he prepares and presents to Jordan Television viewers on Friday evenings. He was chosen as winner of the cup after the newspaper conducted a poll to determine the most popular local programme.

Greek, British firms offer to bring 300 tourists a week

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Tourism announced on Wednesday that it had received two offers, from Greek and British maritime companies, to organise sea cruises to Aqaba for tourists, who will also visit other archaeological and tourist attractions in Jordan. A ministry spokesman said that these offers would guarantee the arrival of 300 tourists in Jordan every week.

According to Jordan Hotels and Resthouses Corporation Director General Faridoun Hikmat, three hotels will be established in Jordan in accordance with corporation programmes in the new five-year development plan. These 150-room hotels, he said, will be constructed in Ajloun, Dhibin and Suweimeh, to offer further facilities to tourists visiting Jordan.

Meanwhile, Director General of Tourism Michael Hamarneh announced here Wednesday that all technical preparations have been completed for the Jerash sound and light spectacular. The report, installed by the Dutch electronics firm Philips, will be finally completed in March; but the show will be ready for the public in May of this year, he said.

Mr. Hamarneh will lead Jordan's tourism delegation to participate in the West Berlin conference and fair for international tourist exchange, Al Ra'i newspaper reported on Wednesday.

24 graduate in computer programming

AMMAN (Petra) — A ceremony held at Amman Chamber of Industry Wednesday marked the graduation of 24 participants in a two-month training course on computer programming.

The participants, who came from 10 Arab states, received lectures on the basic principles of computers, and methods of preparing and analysing data. The course was organised by the Baghdad-based Arab Institute for statistical training and research, and the Jordanian Department of Statistics.

Major speakers at the closing session were Department of Statistics Director Burhan Shraydeh and the director of the Baghdad Institute. Attending was Council of Arab Economic Unity Secretary General Fakhr Qaddouri.

Today's Weather

It will be partly cloudy and warmer, with westerly moderate winds. In Aqaba, it will be hazy with northerly moderate winds and calm seas.

	Overnight low	Daytime high
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Opinions clash at water seminar

By Samira Kassar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A heated discussion on the utilisation of Jordan's water resources took place this morning as the first session of an interdisciplinary water seminar at the University of Jordan drew to a close.

Many of the 100 participants—mainly those from the Natural Resources Authority (NRA), the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) and the Amman Water and Sewage Authority (AWSA)—severely questioned the main ideas presented in Dr. Elias Salameh's paper, entitled Country Relevant Water Resources.

Dr. Salameh, who is an associate professor at the University of Jordan's Department of Geology and Minerals and chairman of the seminar, had delivered the first paper during Wednesday morning's session. Its main contention was that obvious accumulations of water cannot be considered the only water resources suitable for utilisation, and that decision-making regarding the allocation of water reserves should depend on a correct interpretation of the relevant data.

Dr. Salameh went on to discuss several water projects in Jordan, the first of which was the King Talal Dam. The waters behind the dam had been proven to be contaminated by impurities, and therefore not suitable for domestic use as had been originally planned. Dr. Salameh pointed out. To solve this problem, he suggested that water from the King Talal Dam be purified in the Baqa Valley area by a method called "artificial ground water recharge".

This suggestion, however, together with the economic feasibility of such a process, was questioned. Dr. Salameh's paper also pointed out that ground water along the eastern Dead Sea coast and at the sea's southern end could be more efficiently utilised. He recommended proper arrangement of wells, and measures to prevent the drilling of unproductive wells.

Referring to the allocation of water reserves from the Azraq oasis for domestic use in the Amman area, Dr. Salameh said that he found such a measure justifiable "from the quantitative point of view"; but added that the issue was many-sided and involved several negative aspects. He pointed out that the pumping of 8 million cubic metres of sweet water from Azraq each year is increasing the salinity of the oasis pools, causing widespread and lasting environmental damage to the area. He also warned that the pumping away of sweet water from Azraq's northern ground water reserves would serve further to increase the salinity of the pools in the southern part of the oasis.

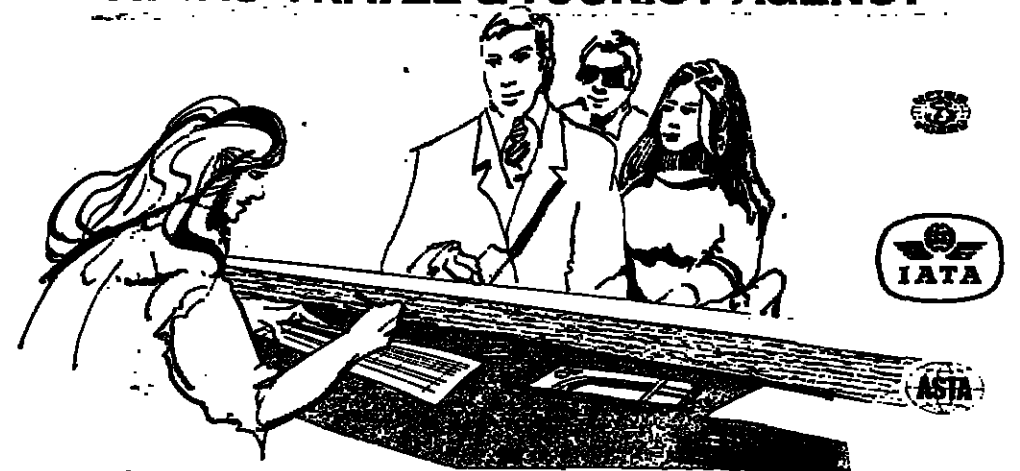
Dr. Salameh also criticised a project to pump water from the East Ghor Canal, in the Deir Alla area of the Jordan Valley, to Amman for domestic use. This process was too expensive, he said, and subjected drinking water to contamination by agricultural pollutants while it passed through surface pipes in the farmed areas of the Jordan Valley. It also constituted a security problem by being too exposed to the occupied West Bank and Israel, he asserted.

Dr. Manar Fayyad, associate professor at the university's Chemistry Department, delivered the second paper, on The Original Qualities of Water Resources in Jordan. The paper concluded that ground water in the Amman-Zarqa area is alkaline with a high chloride content, due to the inflow of inorganic and organic pollutants from human and industrial wastes. The paper also indicated that the phenol content of ground water in the Amman-Zarqa area has exceeded World Health Organisation (WHO) safety figures, and recommended measures to curb the dumping of industrial wastes in the Ruseifa area.

The third and last paper was presented by Dr. Hani Khoury, assistant professor at the Geology and Minerals Department. It analysed and partially explained the high alkaline quality of water in the Maqarin area—a phenomenon that is unique, since the hydrochemistry of the surrounding rocks is not conducive to such high alkalinity. The paper stressed the need for more studies to understand this phenomenon and its effects, in view of the fact that a dam is being contemplated in the Maqarin area.

The seminar was opened by University of Jordan Vice President Mahmoud Samra on behalf of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. In his opening address, Dr. Samra said that the university hoped to hold more seminars bringing together scientists and practitioners in the vital field of water resources.

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Whose ambassador?

WE ARE intrigued — to put it mildly — by the role of American Ambassador to Israel Samuel Lewis, who last Thursday made some peculiar comments at a dinner in Tel Aviv sponsored by the Council of Friendship Leagues for Israel. He was speaking in his capacity as dean of the diplomatic corps, and he suggested a campaign to educate the world about the true meaning of Zionism. He strongly condemned the "tamishing" of Zionism by Israel's opponents, suggesting that Zionism had become synonymous with evil.

This raises some fundamental questions about the precise job of Mr. Lewis. Is he the American representative to Israel, or is he more inclined to represent Zionist tendencies before the rest of the world? After all, Mr. Lewis is the official representative of the people and government of the United States. Does this give him the right to address Zionist political dinners and to come out strongly as an advocate of Zionism? The matter becomes more intriguing when we also note that World Zionist Organisation Chairman Arye Dulzin made a major speech at the same dinner in which he advocated the resolution of the Palestine issue within Jordan. We have watched with incredulity the efforts of the Israeli government of Menachem Begin to convince the Americans that there is no need to address the Palestinian issue because the Palestinians can be accommodated in Jordan; but we had never thought that things would reach the point where the American ambassador to Israel would become mixed up with this crowd, however innocently or indirectly. It would be appropriate to hear an explanation from the American government about this matter.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Action speaks louder than words

AL RA'I: His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday addressed the brave and honest volunteers of the Yarmouk Force. Expressing Arab conscience and the sense of Arab nationalism, the King also addressed the Arab Nation stressing the fact that the Arab awakening has begun and that a new bright page is about to be recorded in history books by the men of Al Qadisiyah and Yarmouk.

The Jordanian people and leadership have always believed that action speaks louder than words. Jordan is putting words into action by sending the Yarmouk Force to support Iraq. Jordan is doing all it can to carry out its pan-Arab commitment and supporting Iraq which is our duty as Arabs.

The march has begun. The Yarmouk Force volunteers will soon join Al Qadisiyah men in Iraq putting into effect the greatest Arab show of unity in modern times against aggressors.

Iraq is noted for its tough struggle and participation in all Arab battles without thinking of gain or loss. A new dawn is emerging from Iraq to put an end to the darkness which shrouds the Arabs.

From Jordan, the bastion of steadfastness, we say that the Arab Nation has to seek honour and dignity by joining Iraq which had fought for Arab dignity in Palestine and the Golan Heights. All free and honest men will hasten to Iraq and history will record who was the first to raise the flag of support to Iraq and write a new page of Arab victories in the history books.

All the King's men

AL DUSTOUR: His Majesty King Hussein on Tuesday met with the Jordanian heroes who volunteered for the Yarmouk Force. These men are leaving to fight alongside their Iraqi brothers to defend Arab dignity, sovereignty and rights and to defeat the Iranian aggression on the eastern gate of the Arab homeland.

Once again Jordan, King and people, proves that it is always the first to carry out its pan-Arab duties. The King has been the first to support Iraq since the beginning of the war, the Jordanian people have been the first to volunteer to fight alongside the Iraqi army and the first to move to the front seeking victory and martyrdom. This brave Jordanian stand stresses the fact that the nation's readiness to fight is not dead.

The King's speech to the Yarmouk Force expressed total rejection of the pressure being practised to prevent the Arabs from supporting Iraq. It also denounced those people who shirked their duty of supporting Iraq because Iraq's battle is the battle of the Arab Nation against conspiracies hatched by Iran, Israel and the United States and in which some Arabs inadvertently or knowingly participate.

The battle waged by the Iraqi forces against the Iranian aggression is part of the Arabs' struggle against their enemies. Therefore, it is the duty of all Arabs to participate in this battle and win it because this will be the first step towards defeating the Zionist enemy.

We are looking forward to the day when we see other Arab states follow Jordan's example and bravely support Iraq.

RED & BLACK

Jordanomics: Are they there?

By Jawad Ahmad

I am not in favour of attributing a major policy orientation to a specific person. Thus, I find the term Reaganomics, currently on vogue, opposed to my taste. What is new in Reaganomics is the name; the ideas are a revival of old ones. Concentrate on the supply side and in time supply creates its own demand.

In contrast in Jordan we are trying to develop some sort of economic policy that gets closer to the supply economics. This is evident in the government's recent decisions and directions. The new draft of the "income tax law" gives both individuals

and private enterprise companies larger tax concessions as a boost.

The "rent law" draft which had been approved by the government and which is currently discussed by the concerned committees in the National Consultative Council (NCC) is another evidence. Rents are brought by the law closer to the forces of supply and demand. Fixed rents have shown to be hardly equitable both for investors in housing and for the new renters.

The government has recently decided to concert the ailing

Hotel and Resthouses Corporation into a public shareholding company. Such a development means decreasing government's equity in some major projects to give the more efficient private sector a greater slice of total investments.

Another budding development concerns the prize of tariff subsidy awarded to the Civil Service Consumer Corporation (CSCC). The corporation is expected from now on to stand on its feet and do without government subsidies. Such developments and other will mark the economic policy

of the Jordanian government as "free enterprise".

This is a natural reaction to the excessive engagement in "social equity" prone decisions. While the 1970's witnessed mounting buildup of productive ventures, there was the nagging worry that the weaker sector of the economy may suffer. Thus the government sought to be even handed by adopting a mixture of policies aiming at enhancing this sector's ability to cope with development. It has become evident that subsidies, aid,

price controls, etc., are very costly and the expected returns in terms are not up to the level.

Jordanomics is a topic that merits extensive deliberations and studies. The drift towards the supply side is still embryonic and camouflaged. The progress towards it is still more or less unconscious. There are people who would fight against it if the government labels its policies as such. It is therefore recommended that the correction process should continue at a slow pace until it establishes itself as the norm.

Tale of two halves of city

By Helen Womack

HELSINKI, Reuter — Finland has elected its first left-wing president but will hold to its course of neutrality abroad and the development of a Western-style mixed economy at home, Finnish and foreign political analysts said.

A presidential college chosen by popular vote last week overwhelmingly elected Prime Minister Mauno Koivisto to the country's most powerful office yesterday.

The 58-year-old social democrat describes himself as a "conservative" socialist and says he prefers realities to political dogma.

Some non-socialist politicians issued dire warnings to voters before Mr. Koivisto was elected to succeed retiring President Urho Kekkonen, 81, Finland's centrist president since 1956.

But apart from Mr. Koivisto's avowed moderation, the nature of the Finnish presidency makes any sweeping change unlikely, according to political experts.

Although the president has wide powers to dissolve parliament, veto legislation and direct foreign policy, he is traditionally expected on election to rise above party politics in the interests of national stability and continuity.

"It will cause me great sorrow, but I am elected I will hand in my party membership card," said Mr. Koivisto in his first speech to the election campaign.

Governor of the Central Bank through the 1970s, he has never in fact been a member of parliament and has a reputation for being aloof from party intrigues.

"Because the president leaves party politics, Finland will see no so-called 'Mitterrand effect' as a result of this election," said Seppo Lindblom, a Central Bank director and close aide of Mr. Koivisto, in a recent interview with Reuters.

He was referring to a landslide victory for the left in French parliamentary elections, which socialist Francois Mitterrand called soon after winning the French presidency last year.

The new prime minister, responsible for the day-to-day running of the country, would almost certainly come from the centre party and could be Foreign Minister Paavo Väyrynen, Finance Minister Ahti Pekkala or acting Prime Minister Eino Uusitalo, the analysts said.

When parliamentary elections are held, the Social Democrats and opposition Conservatives are expected to gain equally at the expense of rural-based Centrists in accordance with an established trend in favour of large, urban parties.

Meanwhile Finland's super-power Soviet neighbour, which grew accustomed to dealing with the tough but consistent Dr. Kekkonen, must now learn to live with a thoughtful and somewhat reticent President Koivisto.

But as Finnish politics in general will probably remain fairly predictable, the Kremlin appears to have accepted the change of leadership.

Radio Moscow said after Mr. Koivisto's success in the popular election that the Soviet Union also expected to continue its friendship with Finland.

Mr. Koivisto for his part has promised to continue Dr. Kekkonen's policies of cooperation with Moscow.

The two countries maintain cordial but delicately balanced relations based on a 1948 treaty of cooperation, which they signed after fighting each other twice during the Second World War.

The special relationship gives the Soviet Union a sense of security on its northwestern border and Finland the freedom to determine its domestic affairs while

staying neutral abroad.

If anything changes in Finland under President Koivisto, it will probably be the political atmosphere.

"Every human being has his own style and Mr. Koivisto's is distinctive. That is why he was elected," said Mr. Lindblom.

Political analysts said Dr. Kekkonen, though highly respected by the Finnish people, was sometimes held in awe because of his autocratic manner and patronage to Centre Party activists.

Mr. Koivisto, a former dock worker who admits to wearing darned socks, has attracted considerable popularity because of his straight-forward speaking and willingness to confess gaps in his knowledge.

"Civil service appointments under President Koivisto will take as much account of merit as of the necessary political balance," Mr. Lindblom added.

Haig woos Romania

By Colin McFartyre

VIENNA (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig arrives in Romania this week on his first visit to a Warsaw pact state, underlining Washington's support for Bucharest's independent stance in the Soviet Bloc.

Romania rejects Moscow's self-proclaimed role as the sole arbiter of world communism and differs with the Kremlin on a wide range of issues, including Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and recognition of Israel. It also refuses to send troops to Warsaw pact manoeuvres.

But while pursuing an adventurous foreign policy, Romanian leader Nicolae Ceausescu runs a tight, orthodox communist regime at home, where he is currently facing an economic crisis set off by food and energy shortages. There are also heavy debts to Western banks.

U.S. interest in Romania was signalled by a visit there by President Nixon in 1969, a year after the Warsaw pact invasion of Czechoslovakia which Bucharest condemned. President Ceausescu has since visited Washington three times, in 1973, 1975 and 1978.

Mr. Haig's visit to Bucharest on Friday and Saturday is at the invitation of the Romanian government, and will deal with issues of mutual interest, according to the State Department.

Certain to be on the agenda will be the Polish military crackdown, on which there is likely to be some difference of opinion, and its effect on East-West relations and economic ties.

Washington has strongly condemned martial law in Poland, but Bucharest has cautiously welcomed it as preferable to civil war, and said it is in line with its view that Poland should be allowed to settle its problems alone.

Human rights issues and emigration from Romania are also expected to crop up during the talks.

Romania enjoys most-favoured nation status, entitling it to tariff concessions and other trade benefits with the U.S., but like other communist countries similarly favoured this is dependent on its human rights and emigration record, which is reviewed annually.

U.S. diplomats in Bucharest said although there is emigration of Romanians to the U.S., and of Romanian Jews to Israel, some pressure groups in America argue the pace is too slow and there are still too many restrictions.



Lebanon: Elections or blood bath?

By Jonathan Wright

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanon is due for a change of president this year but political sources say divisions between the country's main factions could turn the exercise into a severe test of Lebanese constitutional procedure.

There is so far no sign that strongest parties will agree on a candidate by September, when the six-year mandate of current President Elias Sarkis comes to an end. Many fear they will resort to violence to back their rival claims.

Only a constitutional amendment would make it possible for Mr. Sarkis to stand again but he is reported unwilling to seek a second term anyway.

Just as Lebanon is divided physically along lines established in the civil war of 1975-6, so the various factions differ on the kind of president they want to see in office.

Legally a successful candidate must win the support of at least 50 out of Lebanon's 94 parliamentary deputies. In practice, he will also need clearance from the two most powerful forces on the ground.

Those are the Falangist party, which runs a semi-autonomous area from East Beirut to Katroun in the north, and the Leftist National Movement, which is allied with Syria.

A 30,000-strong all-Syrian Arab Deterrent Force (ADF), sent to Lebanon in 1976 under an Arab League mandate, handles security in other areas.

The Falangist and the Syrians have been at odds, if not at open war, since 1978.

Last year, Syrian forces besieged the town of Zahle in Lebanon's eastern Bekka Valley after an apparent attempt by the Falangists to extend their territorial

enclave.

An Arab League committee succeeded in negotiating a disengagement but the two sides are still not on speaking terms.

The tension is most obvious in Beirut, where the Falangists periodically exchange fire with the Syrians and a host of leftist militias across the "green line" dividing the right wing east and left wing western sectors of the city.

Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Al-Wazzan and many other politicians say the run-up to the elections could spark off another round of factional fighting as the parties jockey for position.

"Fears of a security explosion are justified wherever issues arise which cannot be settled by dialogue... They are particularly justified in connection with the presidential elections," the Prime Minister said in a recent interview.

Mr. Sarkis, a Maronite as all Lebanese presidents must be, came to office under violent circumstances. His election took place in the midst of civil war and deputies ducked bullets as they left the parliament building where the vote was held.

The worst possible outcome, in Mr. Wazzan's view, would be a constitutional deadlock and an accelerating drift towards more permanent partition.

According to Amin Gemayel, a member of the Falangist politburo, "failure to agree on a president would deal a fatal blow to the future of Lebanon."

Other Falangist party officials say the last kind of president they want is a "colourless, tasteless, meaningless one," who could only manage the divisions in Lebanese political life without offering solutions.

The phrase is intended as an oblique reference to Mr. Sarkis,

who in the Falangist view has failed his country by not demanding a Syrian military withdrawal.

It also appears to rule out the moderate Maronite politicians whose names have been floated as possible compromise candidates for the presidency.

The Falangist officials say they may even nominate Beshir Gemayel, commander of the right-wing "Lebanese forces" in the civil war and totally unacceptable to the National Movement.

But Mr. Wazzan, a moderate, has said "any attempt to bring extremists to the office of president would be a cause of violence and would never be successful."

The National Movement, a coalition of 13 leftist groups, has for its part indicated it could not accept a candidate who does not embody its views of what Lebanon should be — secular, left-of-centre and committed to the Palestinian and Arab causes.

Possible nominees include Sulaiman Franjeh, Mr. Sarkis's predecessor, who proclaimed support for the Syrians after his departure from office, and Raymond Edde, who challenged Mr. Sarkis in 1976, was shot at twice and has lived in exile in Paris ever since.

Politicians of all shades of opinion do at least agree that without a political deal by September, the election of a new president will prove almost impossible.

In that case, according to Lebanese constitutional expert Edmond Rabbath, the incumbent president must continue to carry out his functions until parliament can agree on a replacement.

That would make Mr. Sarkis a mere caretaker president, with even less authority than he has now to help Lebanon recover from seven years of bloodshed and destruction.

Finns are not heading East

By David Rogers

RAFAH, Gaza (R) — Halfway down the high street of this scruffy desert town stands a little stone where peasant farmers buy animal feed.

Unless Israel and Egypt rapidly reach agreement, this is the spot where Rafah is to be carved apart in the name of peace.

When Israel completes its withdrawal from Sinai by April 26, the new border will bisect Rafah, cutting through sandy alleyways, homes and gardens, a mosque and a ramshackle ice factory.

Bulldozers are standing by, ready to plough a frontier strip across the town should the politicians and technical committees fail to decide Rafah's future.

Deputy Mayor Hilmi Zorub says he has no clear idea what will happen in April but believes some sort of crossing point will be established to allow residents on the Egyptian side to walk over to the Palestinian side, occupied by Israel.

Most of the shops, the market, the electricity and water supply are in the Palestinian Rafah. The bulk of the town's 85,000 inhabitants also live there.

About 20,000 are registered Egyptian citizens and the rest of the population are Palestinians, many of them refugees who once lived further up the Gaza Strip.

Rafah's dilemma stems from a frontier drawn by the British and Turkish officers of the Ottoman Empire in 1906. Until now it was little more than a line on a map, stretching from the nearby Mediterranean to the Israeli Red Sea port of Eilat.

When Egyptian and Israeli peace-makers drew up the Camp David treaties they took the old frontier as the new border, putting off practical decisions on Rafah's fate.

With 11 weeks to go before the Sinai handover, families are waiting to hear whether they will be split by the new border. What compensation is to be paid and whether they might have a choice of which side they live on.

Israel is clearing a 40-metre wide frontier strip which has already cut a swathe through almond orchards outside the town. If the security strip is pushed into Rafah, Mr. Zorub says it will mean the loss of 200 dunams (50 acres-20 hectares) and demolition of 130 homes and gardens.

Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon has suggested the border be diverted around Rafah and the town be left wholly in Egypt or Gaza.

Town councillor Kemal Mahdi doubts Egypt will take up the offer. Cairo is anxious neither to give up any of its due territory nor accept responsibility for the Palestinian refugees.

If it occupied the whole of Rafah, Egypt could also be exposed to accusations from Arab critics that it was "stealing Palestinian land."

"If they (Egyptian and Israeli governments) want to serve Rafah, they should put the security lines outside and leave the town untouched," Mr. Mahdi says.

Like others in Rafah, Mr. Mahdi believes that the decisions on the town were delayed because Israel doubted it would ever have to carry out its obligation to hand back Sinai.

"Up to now we are still not sure they will leave," he said. Mr. Mahdi, who operates an insurance business from a stall on the high street, is in a rare position.

He has property on both sides of town, one wife and six children in Egyptian Rafah and another wife and five children in Palestinian Rafah. Between now and April 26 he will decide where to settle and unite his two families, he says.

Deputy Mayor Zorub has already made his choice. A native Egyptian, he is selling up his interests in Rafah and moving to Cairo, where he already has a business.

But for many in Rafah the future could be traumatic. There are farmers who will be unable to reach their crops if the border is closed, families who will be divided and people who claim to have been incorrectly classified as Egyptian residents.

About 4,000 Palestinian refugees are waiting to hear whether they will move home again. The 516 families live in Canada Camp, a former United Nations base, on the Egyptian side.

They were moved there by the Israelis in 1972.

The refugees are mostly from the Gaza Strip and would prefer to move back north but as the April 26 deadline approaches, they too face an uncertain fate.

ECONOMY

'Put up or shut up', Reagan challenges opponents

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan has challenged opponents of his 1983 budget proposals to "put up or shut up" and pledged to push ahead with his economic programme of tax and spending cuts.

Defending his \$757.6 billion budget, Mr. Reagan said Wednesday his administration refused to play "hopscootch economics" and said his recovery programme was based on sound economic theory, not political expediency. Mr. Reagan took his case to the

Midwestern states as his chief economic advisers tried to convince Congress to accept the projected 1983 deficit of \$91.5 billion, cuts of \$27 billion in welfare programmes, and an 18 per cent increase in defence spending.

The president told the Indiana State legislature: "We have faith in our programme and we are sticking with it. To the paid political complainers, let me say as politely as I can: 'Put up or shut up'."

In des Moines, Iowa, earlier, he said that despite all the criticism of

his spending plans for the financial year beginning on Oct. 1, there had been a deafening silence about any alternatives.

But Thomas O'Neill, speaker of the House of Representatives, said his Democratic Party would present its own proposals after hearings were held on Mr. Reagan's budget.

The president returned to Washington Wednesday night amid further protests from opposition Democrats and reluctance from some members of his own Rep-

ublican Party to fight alongside him on the issue.

Budget Director David Stockman, Treasury Secretary Donald Regan, and White House economic adviser Murray Weidenbaum ran into a barrage of criticism when they appeared before the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives to defend the budget.

Chairman Jamie Whitten, a Democrat, told them the president's economic plan had gone wrong and needed to be turned around now.

Japan expects record overseas investment

TOKYO (R) — Overseas investment by Japanese firms will set a record in the current financial year ending next March 31, and is helping to boost industrial cooperation and ease trade friction, a semi-official trade body said Wednesday. The Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO), in a report on overseas investment, did not give any estimate for the year.

Ceausescu announces price, wage increases

VIENNA (R) — Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu Tuesday announced food price increases averaging 35 per cent which he said would be compensated by higher wages, pensions and child allowances.

Speaking at a meeting of the central committee of the Communist Party, Mr. Ceausescu said food prices, which remained unchanged for 25 years, had to be adjusted to soaring energy and production prices both home and abroad.

Romanians would receive a

monthly compensation averaging 140 lei (\$13), depending on age, income and work category, while pensions would go up by about 10 per cent and child benefits by 35 per cent, he was quoted as saying

by the official Agerpres news agency. These compensations would ensure that real income would go up by 1.5 per cent as foreseen in the 1982 plan, he added.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One sterling	1.8505/15	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2142/45	Canadian dollars
	2.3655/65	West German marks
	2.5960/90	Dutch guilders
	1.8975/90	Swiss francs
	40.32/35	Belgian francs
	6.0030/60	French francs
	1263.75/1264.50	Italian lire
	235.95/236.05	Japanese yen
	5.7600/20	Swedish crowns
	5.9640/60	Norwegian crowns
	7.7530/60	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	382.00/382.75	U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The market firmed in reaction on Tuesday's lower trend which followed the January banking statistics, but turnover was small, dealers said. At 1500 the F.T. index was up 8.3 at 571.5.

Government bonds gained up to 3/4 point ahead of U.S. Federal Reserve Board's Chairman Volcker's testimony to the U.S. Congress. Rises among equity leaders ranged to 13p helped by some pre-budget optimism, dealers added.

Gold shares firmed with the bullion price but U.S. and Canadian issues showed little change.

GECC ended 13p higher at 837. ICI, Hawker, Plessey, Tate and Lyle, BP, Beecham, Boots, Bowater and Glaxo firmed up to 10p. In banks Barclays, Natwest and Lloyds advanced between 10p and 12p.

BOC Intl was 5p up at 172p after higher quarterly results and a recommended bid by elders IXL pushed Woodhall trust to 214p following Tuesday's jump of 49p to 205p.

Saga Holidays and Greenall Whitley added 16p and 2p after acquiring parts of Laker Airways which is in receivership, dealers said.

French plans to restrict imports criticised by EEC, OECD

By John Bartram

PARIS — Suggestions by France that it may resort to protectionism to defend ailing domestic industries have sent shivers of horror through trading partners and revived suspicions that Paris is ready to flout Common Market rules.

According to newspaper reports, the French want to limit imports in major industrial sectors as part of a campaign to boost employment. Almost all their European Economic Community (EEC) partners condemned what they thought was being planned at an EEC foreign ministers meeting last month, a British minister said.

With unemployment now topping two million and still rising despite measures to create new jobs, the Socialist government of President Francois Mitterrand is under strong domestic pressure to control imports or, at the very least, to subsidise domestic industries to make them more competitive.

But the government has yet to say exactly how it will carry out its proclaimed policy of "re-

planks of Mr. Mitterrand's election platform last spring, was criticised last week by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), which is normally careful not to attack the policies of its 24 member governments.

Unusually strong language, the OECD said the French government faces "a great temptation to turn towards more or less disguised protectionist measures" which could draw the rest of the world into a new phase of increased protectionism.

It noted that industrial policy should make it possible to support industries and regions whose decline was a factor in the steep rise in unemployment during the 1970s. But, reviewing the French economy in depth for the first time since the Socialists came to power, it also said that the government's

shift in industrial policy should not reduce overall competitiveness.

"The French economy operates in an international framework where certain rules of competition and specialisation apply and the new government has undertaken to abide by these rules."

"But the efforts towards renewal that the government wishes to make in a number of badly threatened sectors will take a few years to produce results in terms of gaining foreign market shares and reducing domestic dependence," the OECD said.

Diplomats said the warning was the strongest yet made by the OECD's economic experts to any government on the dangers of protectionism destabilising world trade.

According to OECD figures, the share of France's domestic market taken by imports rose from 21.8 per cent in 1975 to 28 per cent in 1980 as France's higher costs and open market reduced exports and increased imports.

Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear were hit hard by rising and cheaper imports as well as furniture, domestic appliances and consumer electrical goods.

For several years France has limited the number of cars that can

be imported from Japan to three per cent of domestic market. The rule was imposed under President Valery Giscard d'Estaing's more liberal administration and has been continued under the Socialists.

In an attempt to ward off EEC criticism of possible French action to control imports, Foreign Trade Minister Michel Jobert last month called for stiffer Common Market action to deal with an unexpected surge of foreign imports.

In a newspaper article Mr. Jobert suggested that the EEC commission should be given greater powers to deal with imports that were seen as unfair competition, but it is not clear how strong the support for this tougher line would be in the French cabinet.

Officials say France has no intention of openly flouting Common Market rules by imposing unilateral controls on imports of industrial goods from the nine other states, thus breaching the community's founding Treaty of Rome.

But France's main trading partners fear that any action taken by Paris to reduce its imports from outside the EEC will divert foreign goods to their markets, exacerbating their problems at a

time of slow growth and spiralling unemployment.

Such action would be against the spirit of community rules if not actually illegal, they say.

The import restrictions being studied here include voluntary agreements by French producers and distributors to limit imports in major sectors, which France thinks would not break EEC rules.

Andre Chanderagor, the minister for European affairs, has told his partners that France has no intention of breaking the rules, but such assurances will continue to be received with scepticism until Paris publishes its detailed proposals.

France's new industrial strategy will concentrate aid on specific healthy firms in declining industries such as steel and textiles and on individual French products which can still withstand foreign competition.

Industry Minister Pierre Dreyfus, a former boss of the state-owned car firm Renault, hopes to build up competitive productive capacity throughout industry. This could be achieved by state financial aid, such as to help firms acquire new technology, and by more active intervention through the plan to nationalise five ind-

ustrial groups and most private banks.

The new policy also concentrates on aid to small and medium sized companies with an enlarged scheme of subsidised loans to tide them over temporary cash difficulties which is expected to total 24 billion francs (\$4 billion) this year.

Last November Mr. Dreyfus announced an outline scheme to maintain employment in the textile and clothing industries by cutting social security contributions by up to 12 per cent. The firms would then be asked to invest the money to create jobs.

This upset West German textile producers who said it would drastically distort competition and wreak havoc within the EEC.

France also plans to revive its electronic components industry with 1.5 billion francs (\$250 million) of low-interest loans. Last month it made a start by ordering Thomson-CSF and Cii-Honeywell Bull — two firms due for nationalisation — to cooperate in developing mini-computers, ending Thomson's hopes of working with the U.S. firm Sel.

— Reuter

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

JORDAN TELEVISION

FOR THURSDAY

CHANNEL 3

4:30 Koran
4:45 Cartoons
5:10 Children's Programme
7:00 Programme Preview
7:10 Local Competition Programme
8:00 News in Arabic
8:30 Arabic Series
9:30 Documentary
10:10 Arabic Play
11:00 News Summary

CHANNEL 6

6:00 French Programme
7:00 News in French
7:30 News in Hebrew
8:30 Feet First
9:00 Comedy
10:00 News in English
10:15 Movie of the Week: "Wilder by Night" (Robert Wagner and Diane Baker)

FOR FRIDAY

CHANNEL 3

10:00 Koran
10:20 Children's programme
11:00 Religious programme
12:50 Forest Ranger
13:45 Barriers
14:15 Soccer
15:03 Play Guitar
16:35 CHIPS
17:30 Science and Life
18:00 Western Theatre
18:30 Feature Film
19:30 Religious Programme
20:00 News in Arabic
20:30 Arabic Series
21:30 Local Variety Programme
22:00 Arabic series
23:00 News in Arabic

CHANNEL 6

6:00 French Programme
7:00 News in French
7:30 News in Hebrew
8:30 Mary Tyler Moore Show
9:10 I remember Nelson
10:00 News in English
10:15 Flamingo Road

RADIO JORDAN

855 KHZ, AM & 99 MHz, FM

FOR THURSDAY

FM

7:00 Sign on
7:01 Morning Show
7:30 News Bulletin
7:40 Morning Show
10:00 News Summary
10:03 Pop Session
11:00 Signing off
12:00 News Headlines
12:03 Pop Session
13:00 News Summary
13:03 Pop Session
14:00 News
14:10 Instrumentals
14:20 New Music
15:00 Concert Hour
16:00 News Summary
16:03 Instrumentals
16:30 Old Favourites
17:00 Special Feature
17:30 Pop Session
18:00 News Summary
18:03 French way of Life
18:30 World of Arabian Music
19:00 News Desk
19:30 Music
20:30 Evening Show
21:00 News Summary
21:03 Evening Show
22:00 Close down

FOR FRIDAY

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7:00 Sign on
7:01 Morning Show
7:30 News Bulletin
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10:00 News Summary
10:03 Pop Session
11:00 Listeners' Choice
12:00 News Headlines
12:03 Friday Special
13:00 News Summary
13:03 Pop Session
14:00 News
14:10 Instrumentals
14:20 In Concert
15:00 Concert Hour
16:00 News Summary
16:03 Instrumentals
16:30 Old Favourites
17:00 Pop Session
18:00 News Summary
18:30 Top Twenty
19:30 News Desk
20:30 Country Music
20:30 Over a Cup of Tea
21:00 Jazz Hour
22:00 Close down

BBC WORLD SERVICE

FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

639, 720, 1413 KHZ

GMT

04:00 Newsdesk 04:30 Classical Record Review 04:45 Financial News 04:55 Reflections 05:00 World News: 24 Hours News Summary 05:30 Twentieth Century Folk 05:45 The World Today 06:00 Newsdesk 06:30 Nature Notebook 06:40 The Farming World 07:00 World News: 24 Hours: News Summary 07:30 Marching and Waiting 07:45 Network U.K. 08:00 World News: Reflections 08:15 Opera Gallery 08:30 John Peel 09:00 World News: British Press Review 09:15 The World Today 09:30 Financial News 09:40 Look Ahead 09:45 Rock Salad 10:15 Ploegman of the Moon 10:30 Just a Minute 11:00 World News: News about Britain 11:15 Is Sin Out of Date? 11:30 Assignment 12:00 Radio Newsworld 12:15 Top Twenty 12:45 Sports Round-up 13:00 World News: 24 Hours: News Summary 13:30 Network U.K. 13:45 The Pleasure of Yours 14:30 Discovery 15:00 Radio Newsworld 15:15 Outlook 16:00 World News: Commentary 16:15 Assignment 16:45 The World Today 17:00 World News: Meridian 17:40 Waveguide 17:45 Sports Round-up 18:00 World News: News about Britain 18:15 Radio Newsworld 18:30 Animal, Vegetable or Mineral? 19:00 Outlook: News Summary 19:30 Stock Market Report 19:45 Look Ahead 19:45 Report on Religion 20:00 World News: 24 Hours News Summary 20:30 A Jolly Good Show 21:15 Ulster Newsletter 21:20 In the Meantime 21:30 Business Matters 22:00 World News 22:09 The World Today 22:25 Book Choice 22:30 Financial News: Reflections 22:45 Sports Round-up 23:00 World News: Commentary 23:15 Merchant Navy Programme 23:30 Meridian

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22:45 Baghdad

FOR FRIDAY

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8:55 Agaba
9:40 Kuwait
9:45 Dubai, Abu Dhabi

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Y.M.C.A. 64251
Amman Municipal Library 36111
University of Jordan Library 84355/84366

SERVICE CLUBS

Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Grand Palace Hotel, 1.30 p.m.

Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 1.30 p.m.

Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00 p.m.

Philadelphian Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1.30 p.m.

MUSEUMS

Military Museum: Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday to Friday. Closed on Saturdays. Tel. 64240.

Folklore Museum: Jewellery and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760.

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Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh 37440.

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman 24890.

De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein 66428.

Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali 23541.

Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman 23585.

Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafiah 75261.

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SPORTS

S. Korean Kim Chul-Ho stops Japanese challenger in 8th

TAEGU, South Korea (R) — Kim Chul-Ho of South Korea, the World Boxing Council (WBC) super-flyweight champion, survived an early knock-down to stop Japanese challenger Koki Ishii in the eighth round of their title match Wednesday night.

In a punishing fight, Kim was down in the third round and Ishii was floored twice, in the sixth and seventh rounds, before being knocked out by a right to the face in the eighth round.

It was Kim's fourth defence of the title which he won by knocking out Venezuelan Rafael Orozco in January last year. He has now won

19 fights—nine inside the distance—drawn one and lost one. Ishii met his first defeat following nine victories, including five within the distance.

Kim, 21, was ahead on all three score cards when he put Ishii away, leading 68-63, 68-61 and 70-62.

The champion pressed the fight from the start, with Ishii, 27, relying mainly on counter-attacks. The shock of being floored by a right-hand punch in the third round failed to temper Kim's aggression and he took command with punishing combination punches.

Boxing official director arrested

MEXICO CITY (A.P.) — Jose Sulaiman, President of the World Boxing Council, was arrested for allegedly trying to smuggle \$200 million worth of Mexican archaeological artefacts out of the country, police announced Wednesday.

General Arturo Durazo, the federal district police chief, told a news conference Sulaiman was arrested earlier in the day. He said police investigators found the ancient artefacts stored in a printshop warehouse Sulaiman owns in Cerro Gordo, a nearby town in the state of Mexico. Sulaiman denied the allegations.

Durazo said Sulaiman had a system set up to smuggle the pieces out of the country, principally to the United States, where he said Sulaiman planned to sell them.

Olympics soon to include tennis

PEBBLE BEACH, California (A.P.) — The President of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) says he never questioned the ability of blacks to play tennis, but was instead "rejoicing" at the development of the game in Africa.

Philippe Chatrier of France apologised Wednesday for what he said were misinterpretations of remarks he made following a speech about the effects on tennis resulting from its inclusion in the Olympic Games.

"I'm just saying we have too few blacks at the top and we hope this is going to change," Chatrier said. "Unless they are not maybe as interested and as suited to tennis as to other sports. Far from being critical, it's exactly the opposite."

"I was rejoicing that through the Olympics we were going to develop what we started," he added. "For instance we have a West African tournament we started with five nations and now we have 17 nations. Being in the Olympic programme, I think government and other public money will come on tennis instead of going solely to (other) Olympic Sports."

Tennis will be a demonstration sport with competition but no

medals at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games. In the 1988 games at Seoul, South Korea, tennis will be part of the medals programme for the first time.

"I am very sorry" Chatrier said when informed that his remarks were taken by some as critical of the "natural ability" of blacks to play tennis. "Imagine as president of the ITF why I should say something derogatory. That's ridiculous. I want everyone to play. That's our main goal. The more champions we have from all corners of the world and all races, the better for the game. We'd love it that way."

Chatrier was quoted by the Oakland (California) Tribune-Eastbay Today newspaper as saying that blacks might not be able to "adapt" to tennis.

"But it remains to be seen whether blacks have what it takes to adapt to the rigour of tennis," the newspaper quoted him as saying.

"We are always hearing about how they are so good at jumping and sprinting, but apart from (Arthur) Ashe and Gibson, there hasn't been any who has risen to the top. Maybe it is something that has to do with nature."

Liverpool clinches berth in League Cup final

LONDON (R) — Liverpool were held 2-2 at home by injury-hit Ipswich in their English League Soccer Cup semi-final second leg Tuesday night but went through 4-2 on aggregate.

Ipswich, beaten twice by Liverpool in the last week, trailed to goals from Ian Rush and Kenny Dalglish then staged a late recovery.

Rush recorded his 20th goal of the season when he turned in a Dalglish cross in the 27th minute and the Scottish striker headed home Terry McDermott's corner from close range two minutes into the second half.

Liverpool uncharacteristically relaxed and Eric Gates became the first player to beat goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar in five matches. His 76th minute effort was quickly followed by a goal from Alan Brazzil who held off a challenge from Mark Lawrenson and scored off a post.

Ipswich, missing injured internationals Terry Butcher, Russell Osman and Paul Mariner, were further handicapped when Dutchman Frans Thijssen went off with ankle trouble after a tenth minute clash with Graeme Southerns.

Ron Saunders resigns as manager of Aston Villa

BIRMINGHAM, England (R) — Ron Saunders resigned as manager of English league soccer champions Aston Villa Tuesday night.

Saunders, who had the terms of his contract altered by the club's board at the weekend, said: "If I am employed to run a football club I do not expect to be the office boy."

Saunders, in charge for over seven years, clashed with his directors earlier this season after demanding money to strengthen his first team squad.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN

1981 by Chicago Tribune

Both vulnerable. North deals.

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 ♥ K J 2
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 ♣ A Q 10

WEST EAST
 ♠ 10 9 8 5 4 ♠ 7 3 2
 ♥ 7 6 ♥ Q 9 8 4
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 ♣ 8 3 ♣ 9 7 6 5 4 2

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q J 6
 ♥ A 10 5 3
 ♦ A Q 7
 ♣ K J

The bidding:
 North East South West
 1 ♠ Pass 4 NT Pass
 5 ♥ Pass 5 NT Pass
 6 ♦ Pass 6 NT Pass
 Pass Pass
 Opening lead: Ten of ♣.

Anyone can make a lot of tricks if all suits break and all finesses succeed. The real challenge of the game is in surmounting unexpected pitfalls.

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would be a formality—indeed, an overtrick—was possible if the diamonds behaved in a friendly manner. So declarer won the ace of spades and led a low diamond from dummy. East's club discard was a rude jolt because now declarer couldn't set up diamonds without conceding two tricks. It looked as if a perfectly sound slam would founder on the rocks of distribution.

But declarer found a neat way to overcome the bad break with perfect safety. He won the second trick with the ace of diamonds and led a low diamond toward the jack. West could not rise with the king, for that would permit declarer to bring in the suit with only one loser, and with it his slam. When dummy's jack won, declarer switched horses. He returned to his hand with the king of clubs and led a heart to the jack. He did not even care whether it won or lost, for he had twelve tricks in either case—four spades, three hearts, two diamonds and three clubs. If West has the queen of hearts, the finesse wins and declarer has his three tricks in the suit there and then. If East has the queen of hearts, he was free to win it because he couldn't return a diamond to enable West to cash the king for the setting trick.

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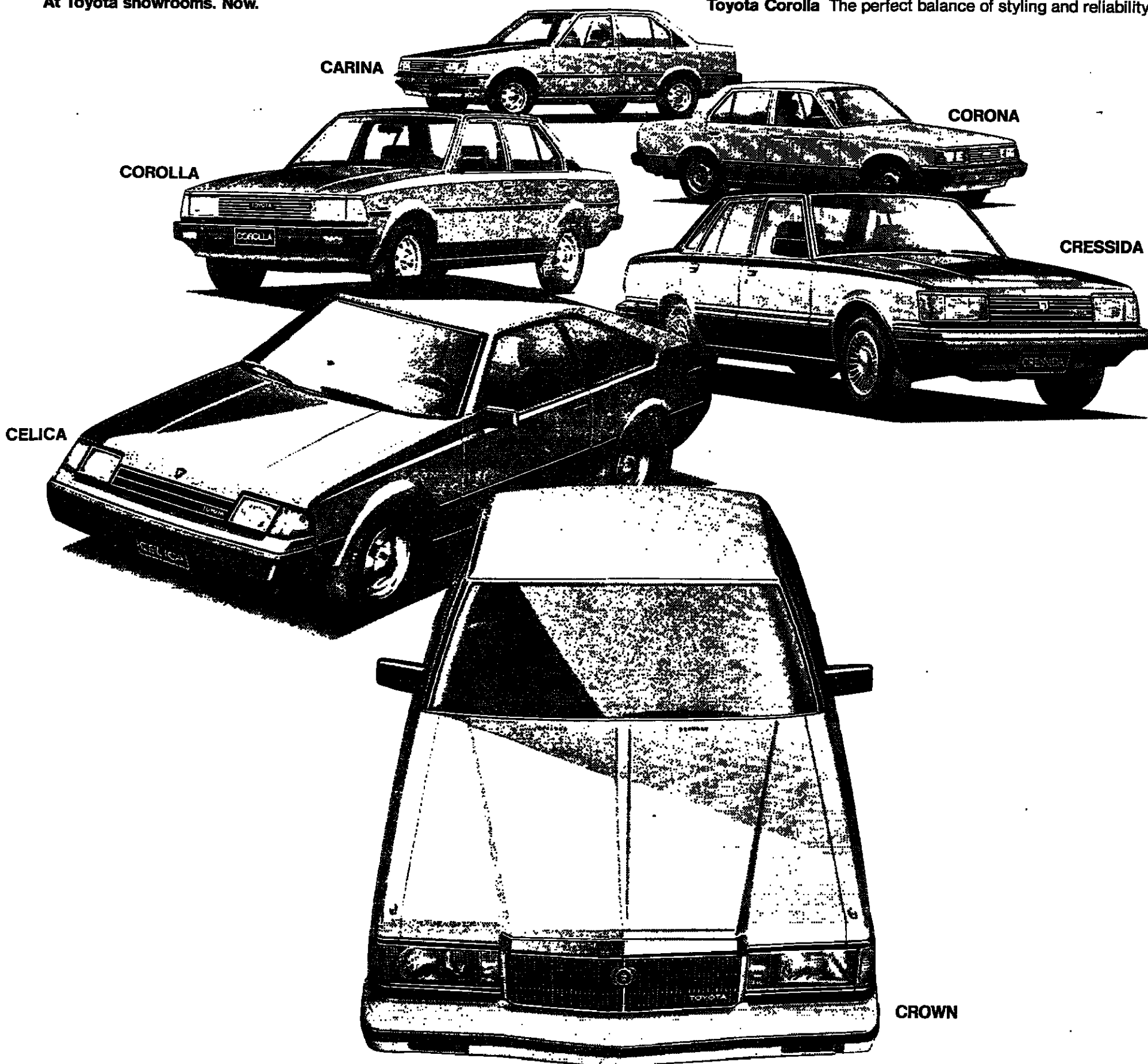
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FEATURES

A look at the other side of a paradise

By Denis D. Gray
The Associated Press

PATTAYA, Thailand — A decade ago, this sea resort on the Gulf of Siam prided itself on its shimmering-clear waters, lush palm groves and friendly fishermen who would run after a tourist who forgot his wallet on the beach.

Today, the fishermen have been replaced by beach bums, rip-off artists and a sizeable colony of hoodlums and heroin pushers. The waters of Pattaya are polluted. The low-slung houses have given way to a honky-tonk strip and rows of ugly, cheaply constructed, concrete buildings.

The story of Pattaya, which bills itself as the Asian resort with everything, is not merely that of one sleepy slice of paradise being discovered and degraded.

Thai social scientists, newspaper editors and some government officials have pointed to the resort as a symbol of endemic problems in Thailand: a lack of social discipline, difficulty of enforcing even the most basic laws, and a muscle-flexing private economic sector that often rides roughshod over attempts at government planning and regulation.

"They don't care about the future. All they want is to make a quick profit and, if it's spoiled, they can just move on," says Dr. Pakit Kiravanich, deputy secretary-general of Thailand's National Environment Board, of wealthy private developers. No effective steps have been taken to stop Pattaya's water pollution.

Pakit notes that several large hotels dump raw sewage into Pattaya bay while others have treatment systems so poor that they

are unlikely to restrict water-borne diseases. The Environment Board says that by international standards, the coliform count — a measure of human waste matter — is already above the danger level for bathing at the southern end of the bay.

The growing ugliness of Pattaya bothers some officials and local residents, but efforts at improvement have been cosmetic. Although a 1977 master plan for Pattaya outlined ways to safeguard the resort's beauty, few of its suggestions have been implemented.

Building codes are routinely flouted even on municipal land, partly because of the paltry penalties and the power of the private sector.

"Everyone breaks the law here," says one foreign businessman. "I built an extra illegal floor on my place and all it got me was an 11,000 baht (\$480) fine."

Pattaya has received its share of poor domestic and international publicity, often sparked by crimes against tourists — such as the robbery and rape of an Italian travel agent. Some visitors vow never to return, but nonetheless the resort continues to grow at a fast clip.

Pattaya, which catered to almost a million tourists in 1980, currently has 91 hotels. Several more large ones are being built. A decade ago, when Pattaya was little more than a sleepy fishing village, there was only a single modern hotel.

Part of the growth stems from its location: less than two hours by road from the Thai capital of Bangkok, a burgeoning and increasingly affluent city of more than five million people.

Many foreigners seem to be attracted by Pattaya's unique, raw-

life kaleidoscope, especially its wide-open night life. There are urbanized Indian hawkers mixing with beer-bellied German factory workers, transvestite beauty shows and women's boxing matches, gangling American sailors and flashy Thais of the "Golden Youth" set, and freewheeling outdoor bars that, on a good night, can easily have more than 100 prostitutes in attendance.

The rapid, unplanned pace of growth and the inevitable social ills that surface when a small, poor local population — 35,000 in Pattaya's case — comes into close contact with relatively rich transients are some of the reasons given by Pattaya's administrators for their current woes.

Pattaya's city manager, Pramote Sukhum, complained in an interview that the city has little power or money to take effective corrective action.

While Pattaya's estimated contribution to the national economy was the equivalent of \$250 million in 1980, its budget from the central government amounted to \$1.5 million.

Pramote is nevertheless optimistic about Pattaya's future, resting his hopes largely on a multi-million dollar project, to be funded chiefly by the World Bank, which would provide the town with central sewage and solid waste disposal systems, stormwater drainage and better roads.

The project, which also would include beautification schemes, is part of a multi-billion-dollar plan to develop Thailand's eastern seaboard.

Pessimists, however, believe implementation of this plan — which calls for a number of industrial complexes — would spell doom for Thailand's Riviera.

Fireworks over London



Following the traditional procession through the streets of London the new Lord Mayor, Sir Christopher Leaver, set off this magnificent firework display to mark his appointment to the historic office.

The display over the River Thames is seen against a background of St. Paul's Cathedral, Blackfriars Bridge and the City's office buildings.

At 43, Sir Christopher is one of the youngest Lord Mayors to occupy the position. He and his wife Helen have two young daughters.

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by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

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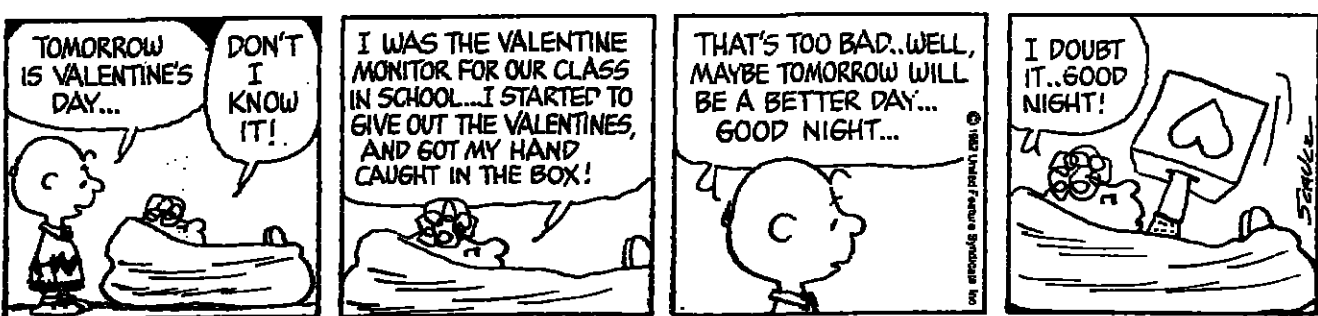
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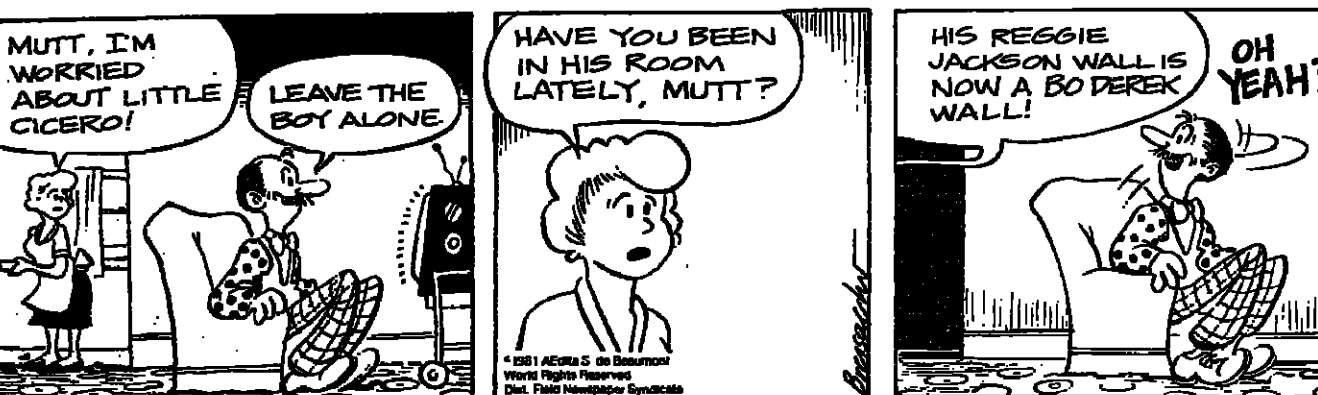
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YOUR DAILY Horoscope

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FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, FEB. 11, 1982

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Confine your activities to the details that require your attention in any plans that have breadth and scope to them. Many benefits are due to take place at this time. Be alert.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Engage in small duties that need your attention and forget bigger ventures for the time being. Try to help associates more.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Doing thoughtful things for good friends will be appreciated and will strengthen the alliance. Strive for happiness.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Attend to public duties early so you don't lose out in an important business deal. Steer clear of a troublemaker.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Be sure to handle the minute details of a new plan you have in mind. Don't neglect important research.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Deal fairly with debtors and creditors and excellent results will follow. Make sure everything is in order at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You would be wise to carry through with your end of any agreement made with others. Engage in your favorite hobby.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Take time to make your environment more charming so you will feel happier. The evening is fine for entertaining friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A good day to correct errors you have made in the past. Show the depth of your affection to the one you love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Make sure you don't lose your temper with an associate or there could be unfortunate results. Use common sense.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Make sure you work carefully so that you don't make errors at work today. It's important to use caution in travel today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be alert in the handling of finances now, otherwise you could make costly errors. Spending less and saving more is wise.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Don't broadcast personal woes to others at this time. Avoid the source of your discontent and express happiness.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will may want to argue with others and should be taught early to conserve energy for more constructive activities. Otherwise, your progeny could get into needless trouble. A fine chart for the field of engineering.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, FEB. 12, 1982

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Your judgment is not good today where expansion or taking chances are concerned. Being alert to what is happening makes it easier for you to go along with surprises.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) If you try to force your ideas on others today, you are bound to have trouble, so be more diplomatic. Follow your hunches.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Not a good day to handle private affairs. Wait for a better time. Strive for increased harmony with associates. Be happy.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Get busy improving business methods so that you can get ahead faster. Concentrate more on the practical aspects.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You can now expect pleasure coming your way, so be on the alert for the enjoyment you have missed in the past.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Going off on a fun spree could be disappointing and expensive, so be more devoted to the tasks at hand for best results.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) An associate can give you a fine idea that will open new vistas of advancement for you, so be sure to go along with it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You understand much better now what should be done regarding financial affairs. Try not to argue with an associate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Handle only important affairs early in the day and then be off to recreations that will lighten your spirit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Plan how to have more abundance in the future and cut down on recreational expenses. Show that you have wisdom.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Talking over mutual projects with associates can bring greater success in the future. Engage in favorite hobby with congenials.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Discussing finances with experts helps you to run your own affairs more intelligently. Be careful in travel today.

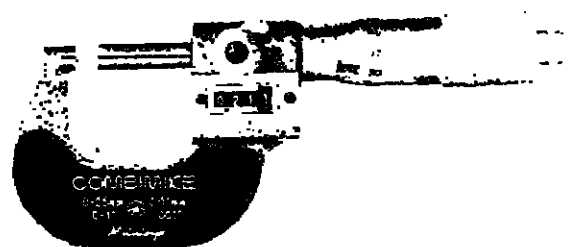
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Study a monetary matter carefully before taking any action. Sidestep one who is thinking only of your assets. Be logical.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she must be taught to handle difficult problems intelligently, and then the life becomes a successful one. A fine college education is needed here. Show the importance of religion and ethics early in life.

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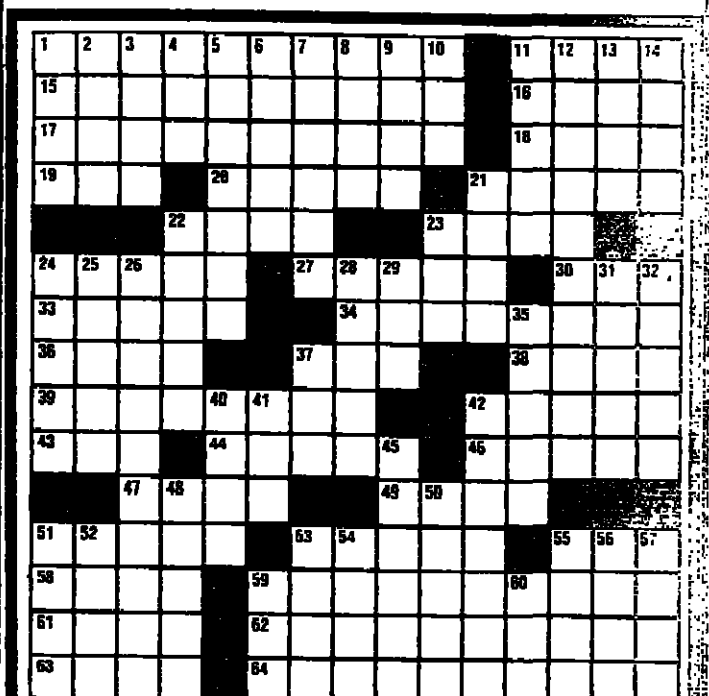
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WORLD

Switzerland calls for suspension of Europe security conference

MADRID (R) — Neutral Switzerland called Wednesday for the prompt suspension of the European security conference because of East-West tensions over martial law in Poland.

Swiss Foreign Minister Pierre Aubert told the meeting of 35 governments here that no other solution was possible at the present time and proposed an adjournment to last for "several months."

The proposal followed sharp attacks on the Soviet Union and Poland's military regime by six Western foreign ministers Tuesday, and a successful Soviet attempt to bar other Western ministers from speaking on the Polish crisis at Tuesday's session.

Mr. Aubert spoke Wednesday

at an informal session of heads of delegations. Conference sources said Soviet and other delegates made no attempt to stop him.

The Swiss foreign minister said the international climate was so bad that it would be impossible to reach agreement on a joint document winding up the 15-month-old meeting, originally called to review progress in East-West détente.

"A further stay in Madrid would only result in a further worsening of this climate," he said. "The view that we should stay here for an unlimited time at any price is doomed to failure."

"We therefore consider that the only reasonable solution is to suspend the Madrid meeting rapidly and to return here after an inter-

ruption of several months."

The conference Tuesday heard a bitter indictment of Poland's military regime and Soviet involvement in the Polish crisis from U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and the foreign ministers of Belgium, Canada, West Germany, Italy and Spain.

But a Soviet procedural veto prevented French External Affairs Minister Claude Cheysson and six other Western ministers from speaking before the tense 10-hour session ended.

Norwegian Foreign Minister Sverre Stray told Wednesday's session the conference had been endangered and the future of the Helsinki process put at risk by the Polish crisis.

Bomb injures human smuggler

BAD TOELZ, West Germany (A.P.) — A West German man said to have smuggled hundreds of East Germans to the West was severely injured in a bomb blast in this Bavarian resort, police reported Wednesday.

The explosion, caused by a letter bomb, occurred Tuesday afternoon, police said. Hotel owner Kay Mierendorff was severely injured in the blast, and his wife received slight injuries, police said.

Mr. Mierendorff, 36, is known as the former head of a large West German group which helps buy the freedom-for up to 50,000 marks (\$21,730) a head-of East Germans wanting to join relatives in the West.

Danish premier blasts U.S. 'double standard'

COPENHAGEN (A.P.) — Prime Minister Anker Joergensen has attacked U.S. President Ronald Reagan's "double standard" foreign policies as a strain on the relations between the United States and some of its European allies.

On a television newscast Tuesday night, the Social-Democratic prime minister said the different lines applied by President Reagan and Secretary of State Alexander Haig to developments in Poland on the one side and El Salvador and Turkey on the other, "are dangerous to the credibility of their general criticism of suppression of democracy."

"The way Reagan and Haig are currently hardening the lines I feel one must say it's something of a strain on the relations with... now, I dare not speak for all Europe...

but with some European countries and definitely with Denmark," Mr. Joergensen said.

It was not the first Danish-American clash over the U.S. drive for a strong Western stand on the Soviet role in Poland and U.S. support for the military regimes of Turkey and El Salvador.

In a U.S. International Communications Agency newsletter distributed by the embassy here 10 days ago, Mr. Haig was quoted as describing as "not only incomprehensible, but dangerous," a tendency among Western critics of U.S. policies to apply "double standards" to the behaviour of East and West.

Danish Foreign Minister Kjeld Olesen responded by saying this was exactly what he had warned against.

MIDDLE EAST BRIEFS

Egypt-Israel talks break off

TEL AVIV (R) — The latest round of talks aimed at normalizing relations between Israel and Egypt ended abruptly here Tuesday after a disagreement about levies on Israeli trucks, a foreign ministry spokesman said Wednesday.

The talks broke down after Egypt said it should levy a special fee on Israeli truck drivers to balance the effect of Egypt's lower fuel prices.

Israel accepted the idea in principle, but said the high fee requested by Egypt would have barred its drivers from competing freely in the transport of goods across the Israeli-Egyptian border.

Rajavi parents asked to collect grandson

BEIRUT (A.P.) — Iranian authorities have appealed to the parents of guerrilla leader Massoud Rajavi to collect his baby who was trapped in the hideout where his wife and several other guerrillas were killed in a raid, Iran's official news agency IRNA said Wednesday.

Quoting an appeal made on television by Tehran's general revolutionary prosecutor, Hojatoleslam Assadollah Lajavadi Tuesday night, the news agency said, "a revolutionary guard was martyred by the terrorist fire when he attempted to rescue Rajavi's child from the hideout."

The state-run media have claimed that 22 government opponents were killed and six "counter-revolutionary" hideouts discovered in two days of raids that ended Monday. Among those killed were Mr. Rajavi's wife, Ashraf Rabi'i, Musa Khyabani, the military chief and second-in-command of the Mujahadeen-e-Khalq organization, and his wife, Azar Reza'i.

In a press conference at his Paris exile Tuesday, Mr. Rajavi said he fears that his one-year-old infant son also died in the raid. But on Wednesday, IRNA quoted Hojatoleslam Lajavadi as urging Mr. Rajavi's parents "to come forward and take care of Rajavi's child, rescued from a (Mujahadeen) hideout in Tehran."

OAU meets to confer on force in Chad

NAIROBI (R) — African states began a two-day meeting Wednesday on the financial and technical problems facing their peace-keeping force in Chad with an appeal by Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi for more cash.

The Organisation of African Unity (OAU) force was sent to Chad last year to replace Libyan troops called in by President Goukouni Oueddei to fight on his side in a bitter civil war against his former defence minister, Hissene Habre.

An OAU report on the force's work to date estimated that the cost of keeping the force, now thought to number about 3,000, in Chad was \$162.9 million for one year.

Egypt, Canada sign nuclear agreement

CAIRO (R) — Egypt and Canada initiated an agreement Wednesday for peaceful nuclear energy cooperation, the official Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported.

The agreement, which would be formally signed in May, cleared the way for Egypt to buy nuclear power stations from Canada, MENA said.

Fitzgerald overrules IRA election campaign on radio

DUBLIN (R) — Ireland's state broadcasting service said Tuesday it would allow the political wing of the outlawed Irish Republican Army make a series of broadcasts during this month's general election campaign, but Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald quickly over-ruled the decision.

Sinn Fein, the legal counterpart of the guerrilla movement fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland, is making its first attempt to win seats in the Dublin parliament.

When nominations closed on Friday, Sinn Fein had fielded seven candidates — the number needed to qualify for the right to make campaign broadcasts on radio and television.

The broadcasting service, RTE, said this morning that it had taken legal advice and concluded that Irish laws barring the guerrillas

and their supporters from the airwaves did not apply to the campaign broadcasts.

A few hours later, the government announced that it would use special powers under the country's broadcasting law to bar the Sinn Fein broadcasts.

Two of Sinn Fein's candidates are behind bars: Convicted bomber Joe O'Connell, who is serving 30 years in England, and Seamus McElwain, awaiting trial for murder in Belfast.

Indonesians take to streets to protest alleged Soviet spying

JAKARTA (R) — Chanting demonstrators paraded outside the Soviet embassy Wednesday protesting alleged Soviet espionage activities in Indonesia. The demonstration followed the explosion on Saturday of a Soviet military attaché and the

OAU outlines vague peace plan for Western Sahara

NAIROBI (R) — African leaders unveiled a new peace plan for the Western Sahara Wednesday but progress towards ending the six-year-old war there appeared blocked by their inability to get Morocco and its Polisario guerrilla foes to the conference table.

After two days of talks a seven-nation committee of Organisation of African Unity (OAU) leaders issued detailed proposals for holding a referendum on the territory's future at an unspecified date.

But they failed to break the deadlock over the first step towards implementing the peace plan.

a ceasefire between Morocco, which administers the territory, and Polisario guerrillas fighting for its independence.

To end the stalemate the committee appointed Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi, current OAU chairman, to embark upon what one OAU source called "shuttle diplomacy at the highest level."

His task will be to create the conditions for a ceasefire, which the OAU committee has so far failed to do since it first mooted the peace plan at its summit in Nairobi last June.

The peace proposals issued to

reporters Wednesday call for the appointment of a commissioner to head an interim administration "at least one month before the ceasefire takes effect," the only reference to timing in the latest plan.

The plan also proposes that a joint United Nations and OAU team be sent to the territory at least a month before any ceasefire to make the necessary arrangements for the poll.

Morocco has refused to negotiate with the guerrillas and has said it will only discuss a ceasefire with Algeria, the guerrillas' main backer, and Mauritania, which

ruled part of the territory until 1979 when it pulled out, impoverished and exhausted by fighting the Polisario.

The Polisario, which says it is an authentic African liberation movement like many recognised by the OAU, will only negotiate with Morocco.

OAU foreign ministers tried to force the issue at preparatory talks here last weekend by recommending that the parties to the conflict be named.

But this was overruled by the OAU committee, which included four heads of state, although President Moi said in a speech Tuesday night "we have not mentioned the parties. But we all know who they are."

Algeria, the Polisario's main backer and supplier of arms, refused to be brought into the negotiations and Mauritania took a neutral stance.

The decision to avoid naming the parties was seen as a victory for Morocco, whose Foreign Minister Mohamed Boucetta said: "The Polisario does not exist for Morocco and will never exist."

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Delhi pulls up U. Pradesh for 'massacre'

NEW DELHI (R) — India's Supreme Court Wednesday directed the Uttar Pradesh state government to answer charges that police supposedly hunting bandits there massacred 299 people "in cold blood" in 41 days. The court acted on a writ petition by the publishers of the magazine India Today, which printed an investigation of the deaths of what it called small-time crooks and innocent villagers. Its writ said that after killing of 24 low-caste Hindus at Deoli village on Nov. 19 the Uttar Pradesh government launched a massive 41-day manhunt during which 299 alleged bandits were "killed in cold blood." The manhunt followed a declaration by state Chief Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh that if the bandit menace was not ended in his state in a month, he would resign. The daily death toll rose as his deadline neared, the writ said. Mr. Singh then stayed on, citing improved law and order. The writ noted there were no police casualties during the hunt. It asked that those carrying out any future probe get the right to prosecute police found guilty of murder.

Kampuchea gets new leader

BANGKOK (A.P.) — A key Kampuchean figure who spent more than 15 years in Vietnam has been elected chairman of Kampuchea's council of ministers, it was announced Wednesday. The Kampuchean news agency SPK said Chan Uy was elected to the post-equivalent to that of a prime minister — on the fourth day of the second session of the national assembly Tuesday. The session ended Wednesday. The chairmanship had been vacant since previous chairman and party leader Pen Sovann vacated all his posts "for health reasons" last December. Chan Uy then became interim chairman.

Chinese customs bonus scheme backfires

PEKING (R) — A bonus scheme for Chinese customs officials allowed to keep 30 per cent of the contraband they seize has backfired because it makes them greedy for more loot, the People's Daily said Wednesday. The official newspaper said many customs officers in the southern province of Fujian were releasing smugglers after arresting them in the hope of catching them once again and confiscating more contraband. Smuggling is rife in Fujian where there is a huge black market in consumer goods from the British colony of Hong Kong. "Some people regard catching smugglers and black marketers as a way of getting rich, and even, in order to make money, ignore regulations by releasing smugglers so that some major criminals who should be arrested and dealt with escape scot-free," it added.

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U.N. human rights chief quits

GENEVA (R) — Theodor van Boven, Dutch director of the United Nations human rights division, said Wednesday he was resigning after "major differences of policy" with the U.N. leadership in New York.

Mr. van Boven, 45, told the 43-nation Commission on Human Rights in a surprise statement that he believed it was always necessary "to speak out on matters of principle, regardless of whom we displease."

He did not specify his differences with the U.N.'s New York secretariat but said he might explain them in the future.

Newport heiress murder attempt case focuses on medical evidence

NEWPORT, Rhode Island (R) — Heiress Martha von Bulow has a high level of insulin in her body when she went into a coma 14 months ago, a physician told the court trying her husband on attempted murder charges.

But Dr. Gerhard Meier admitted that he forgot to take a test that would have proved whether the insulin was injected or created in her body.

Mrs. von Bulow's insulin level when she was brought unconscious into Newport hospital four days before Christmas, 1980, is central to the prosecution's case against her Danish socialist husband.

Claus von Bulow, 55, once an aide of oil magnate J. Paul Getty, denies twice injecting his wife with insulin, causing on the second occasion a coma which doctors say is permanent.

Dr. Meier said he ordered an insulin test because he had heard of an incident a year earlier when Mrs. von Bulow went into a temporary coma and he had talked to other doctors of the possibility that somebody was injecting her with the drug.

The test, he said, showed "a low blood sugar and an incredibly high insulin level."

Dr. Meier insisted he ordered the test on blood taken from Mrs. von Bulow, before she was injected with glucose in an effort to revive her.

The defence will try to prove that there was a mix-up of two

Delegation sources believed

Mr. van Boven had run into criticism from Latin American countries after he told the commission last week that mass killings were still taking place in such nations as El Salvador and Guatemala.

Last year's decision to set up a "special rapporteur" on El Salvador and a special envoy on Bolivia was also understood to have displeased some Latin American members.

Several Western countries also objected that Chile was still being singled out for special attention, saying arrests by security squads and killings there had ended.

blood samples and the prosecution's test is one taken after the glucose injections.

Mr. von Bulow, allegedly seeing half of his wife's \$50 million fortune and in love with a 35-year-old actress, is said by the prosecution to have known that she had a low blood sugar condition that made insulin poisonous.

The condition also made her body create insulin in reaction to alcohol and sweets to which, the defence says, she was addicted.

Dr. Meier agreed there was a test which could confirm whether the insulin was injected or self-created, but under cross-examination he told the jury he forgot to make it.

In the week-old trial, which has heard Mr. von Bulow's accusing stepson and a parade of downstairs cooks and chamber maids, now faces several days of detailed medical evidence.

The medical evidence is a crucial piece in what the prosecution admits is a "jigsaw" of purely circumstantial evidence. Nobody saw Mr. von Bulow inject his wife.

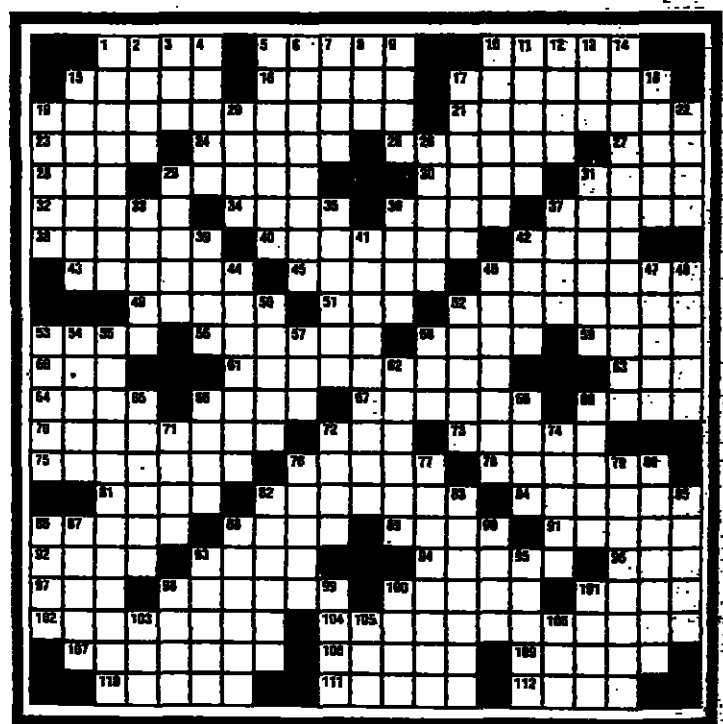
But Mrs. von Bulow's maid, Maria Schrahlhammer, has told the jury that Mr. von Bulow let his wife slip into a coma without calling a doctor for nearly nine hours in her first crisis of Christmas 1979.

The defence failed to alter her story, though it forced her to admit that, to keep a confidence, she told one lie to a grand jury last year.

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Last Week's Cryptograms

- Spaghetti, macaroni and pizza bakers are doubtless all-American dough.
- Patent meter maid was driven to reward chronic overtime parkers with tickets.
- Man's dominion over nature doesn't include volcanoes.
- New tow truck took used car to old sandlot.

CRYPTOGRAMS

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MAIZYW MIMOBUA MAIBOBS. —By India M. Sperry
- GABBY EYIMONBY? TENT VEYNL OCLL
VEILYV UYVRYBH GIVENCH UCBOM. —By Barbara J. Bass
- FUOWS DROWSY FLECK GROWS ADROWSY
DEEP DRPL LLUEL IRCIERGSEY EA IERLU. —By Norton B. Bickel
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CMVP EN TVY. SEXY. ND OIPY PN TESUTES
PTNE. —By Connie Rosenfeld

